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Miss. House Boston
Oct. 3. 1855.

Rev Asher Wright
Senecas.—

Dear Bro.

Mr B. F. Hall has written to me in regard to your going to Albany this winter & getting something done for boarding schools among the N. Y. Indians. The Com^ee^ are in favor of your going, & doing what you can & I hope you will be able to do so.

I write thus early that you may make your plans accordingly. As to the ways, we can discuss that hereafter. The less we have to do for the schools, in money or care, the better.

Where is the acc^t^ for Parker's labor? Have you sent your report to Mr [illegible]?

Truly yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 3. 1855.

Rev A. Gleason
Bridgeport Ct. — Dear Bro.

I have just recd your letter from Bridgeport. I wish very much to see you; & when you come to Norwich, you must run up to Boston. Will not Mrs G. come?

I am troubled about some Seneca matters, worse than ever. I do not know but I must amend Poor's hit at Dr A. & that I may put myself under both the pressure of experience & the experience of a pressure. But we will talk these things over in due time. I think you will reach home before I visit the missions.

Truly yours
Kind regards to all. S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
Oct. 3. 1855.

Mr B. F. Hall,
Senecas. –

Dear Brother.

Your letters of Sept. 20 & 28. I have rec'd. The latter came this morning. In relation to it, I know not what to say. I am greatly distressed by it; & what to do I know not. I must have time to consider the question. Perhaps I shall conclude to go to Allegany as soon as possible; but I cannot leave just yet.

I have conferred with the Com^ee in regard to yours of Sept. 20. They approve of Mr Wright's going to Albany, as you suggest, & I have written to him accordingly. Of the employment of Miss Wellman we cannot speak positively, as we do not know all the facts that should affect an opinion. We can not tell what will be the influence on the Indians or on the whites. This is an important point. If all – red & white – fully justify her in what she has done; & if her example will not countenance the loose notions of the Senecas about marriage, we should feel no difficulty here. But is she not too deaf to teach? How is it?

I have always had the highest opinion of Miss W. & regretted her leaving us very much. And if she can go back, such as she was when I saw her at Old Town, I shall rejoice. Truly yrs
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston,
Oct. 3. 1855.

Rev. Wm Hall,
Senecas.—

Dear Bro.

Yours of the 27th I have rec'd & read with great heaviness. This has been a sad day for me. If Bro. P. is what you suspect, it is a most painful illustration of our fallen state.

You will pardon me for saying that I am not willing to believe him guilty. Still something must be done. What shall it be?

Suppose I must visit Allegany soon; but I cannot go just yet. Certain things depend on me, & no one else can do them. I will hasten, however.

But I feel embarrassed by the fact that I know not what to say to Bro P. He ought to know that I have heard things to his disadvantage. I must be frank & above board in this business. May I use your name in the case? Will you write me something that I may show to him, or send to him rather?

I have heard that you were going away for the present. Is this so? If so, can the matter be investigated in your absence? What course would you recommend? You will say "Come & see". But I want some plan before my mind.

Fraternally yrs
S. B. Treat

Kind regards to Mrs H.

Miss. House, Boston
Oct. 5, 1855.

Rev. C. C. Copeland,
Choctaws.

Dear Brethren

Your letters of July 6, Sept 4 & 5 have all been received; the two last came this morning. In regard to the first I need only say that I think we had better confine ourselves to the Choctaws. Let the Assembly's Board care for the Chickasaws, & so doing we shall do the work better, as it seems to me. I supposed that the arrangement was understood in the station. This does not prevent, of course, fraternal interchanges of labor.

Of the minutes & estimates I will say but a word. Mr Lansing stands upon the same basis as the rest of you. Had I intended, I could not have given him a different basis, for I have not the power; the Comm^ee only have it, & they would never exercise it in behalf of the best missionary in the world. Probably I made some remark, such as I have made to others, & Mr Lansing interpreted it too broadly, though I should hardly infer this from his letter to me of Sept. 6. I have no favorites. Just what should be done in his case, all things considered, I am not prepared to say. But I have no doubt as to the allowance for your repairs, because of the uncertainty in regard to your movements. If you are to remove to a new place, is it best to make any repairs where you are? Would it not be better to settle the question of future location first? If you & the brethren shall think it best to go to another point, I have no doubt the Comm^ee will approve.

But the slavery question! Is there to be no end to it? You will have seen that the affair went off very quietly & satisfactorily at Utica. The extreme abolitionists will make some noise; let them. So far as the state of this matter before the public is concerned, we are all satisfied. Why cannot we have peace? We do not ask you to go an inch beyond all your own principles; with these can we not be content?

I think the papers which we care about, will keep quiet, unless it be the N. Y. Observer. If that influential sheet & Bro. Byington can have "the peace of silence," I think we shall have plain sailing. You may be sure that we at the rooms will be quiet as long as possible. Bro. Wood appreciates this course most fully. How will it be in your quarter?

For poor imperfect beings like us, it is hard work to do good. I feel this every day. The thought of a better country is more & more grateful. When shall I wake & find me there? Affectionate regards to Mrs C. Most truly yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 5, 1855.

Chs H. Stewart Esq
Washington DC

Dear Sir.

I had hoped to hear of the termination of the Osage matter before this. May I inquire what is the state of the case at the present time?

Very respectfully
Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Oct. 5. 1855.

Rev. C. C. Torrey
Reading Mass

Dear Bro.

We shall have a meeting of the Prud. Comm. at Dea. Safford's Monday evening at 7 P.M. in view of the embarkation of five Scudders for India. It will be partly religious & partly social. The ladies will be there, & some missionary friends; 60 or 70 in all.

I should be pleased to have you & Mrs T. come down & attend it. You will be interested, I doubt not. I will see that you have a bed for the night. Yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 8. 1855.

Miss E. J. Hancock,
Champlain, Clinton Co. N.Y.

Dear Miss H.

Yours of the 28th ult. I received last week. I have been waiting to hear whether you had succeeded in joining Miss R.; though I did not suppose you would. I learn from Dr Pomroy that you are at Champlain; hence I write to you there.

I presume you have failed to get some of my communications; & that it is for this reason that our correspondence is a little out of joint. But I think we will get matters straight now.

We shall send a company of missionaries through the Cherokee Nation in Nov. You can go with them the advantage of pleasant company.

On receiving this, please to let me know where you are the middle of this month, & whether you will be ready, at Plattsburgh or Albany, when our friends are ready to start? Can you meet them at Albany, if this is more convenient for them?

I shall soon know more about this company in a few days, & I will [illegible] from you.

Very truly
Yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Oct. 9. 1855.

Rev. H. Wright
New York City.

[illegible] favor of Oct. 3 [illegible] to the Pru. Com. They did not suppose that you would have occasion for any thing beyond what they allowed [illegible] when they acted upon the case [illegible] if you shall need [illegible] for the performance of your [illegible] they are willing [illegible] not be [illegible] adapted to your wants. You may draw on Mr. [illegible] for a reasonable sum to be used in this way [illegible] this permission [illegible].

As to the wagon, they do not see the way clear to grant your request. We do not remember a single instance in which we have bought such an article for a Choctaw or Cherokee missionary; nor do we see how it can be very serviceable. The roads are not adapted thereto, save in certain places. The usual way of travel for a man is on horseback. If a wagon is needed, it should be one of [illegible] stuff!

I am sorry that you did not mention

Mis. House, Boston,
Oct. 9. 1855.

Rev. A. Wright
New York City.

Dear Brother

Your favor of Oct. 3 I have received & read to the Pru. Com^ee. They did not suppose that you would have occasion for any thing beyond what they allowed you, when they acted upon the case as I stated it to them; but if you shall need a horse for the efficient performance of your work as a preacher of Christ, they are willing to pay the price of one (not too expensive) adapted to your wants. You may draw on Mr Gordon for a reasonable sum to be used in this way; to include, by this permission, saddle & bridle.

As to the waggon, we do not see the way clear to grant your request. We do not remember a single instance in which we have bought such an article for a Choctaw or Cherokee missionary. Nor do we see how it can be very serviceable. The roads are not adapted thereto, save in certain places. The usual way of travel for a man is on horseback. If a waggon is needed, it should be one "of Steiner stuff"!

I am sorry that you did not mention

this subject to me when I saw you. We could have "talked it over", better than we can write about it. By oral communication I could explain my views more clearly & fully: perhaps you would present the subject in a different light.

You will say perhaps, that if you take a horse on the Mississippi, you will have no means (in the want of a waggon) for getting your baggage to the station. We reply. I would say (1) you can send most of your goods via New Orleans. (2) Other articles of present necessity you can send by Mr H. G. Copeland.

I will say, moreover, that it seems to the Com^ee & myself that the best way for you to go to the station is with the missionary party that will proceed from St Louis through the Cherokee country. It will be a pleasant company; & the expense will be decidedly less. If a horse is to be purchased Mr Copeland will assist you in buying one. This party is to leave St Louis about Nov. 1.

I am as ever,

Very cordially

Ys

S. B. Treat

Mass. House Boston

Oct. 12. 1855

Rev Wm Hall,

West Randolph Vt.

Dear Bro.

Have your two letters of Oct 8 & 9. Will forward your last statement; still it may be necessary to mention your name.

Your letter of Sept 27. I return that you may copy it, then send it to me. My reason for the course I may explain when I see you, if I think of it.

Very truly

Yours

S. B. Reid

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 16. 1855.

Rev Mr. Dobie
Plattsburgh N.Y.

Rev & dear Sir.

My correspondence with Miss Hancock has not proceeded very smoothly, our letters being delayed somewhere, as I suppose. I have written to her today at Champlain, Clinton Co. proposing that she go to Prof. Torrey's in Burlington, Vt. Saturday, Oct. 27. where she will meet Rev C C Torrey & wife, who are going to the Choctaw mission through the Cherokee nation, & will take her under their charge. They set out Monday Oct. 29.

It is very important that Miss. H. avail herself of this opportunity. She may fail to get my letter. You will oblige me much, if you will see that she that she is informed of my plan. In that case, I doubt not she will join Mr. Torrey at his uncle's.

If you incur any expense in getting word to Miss. H. let her pay it on our account.

Very sincerely
Yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 16. 1853

Miss Elizabeth F. Hayward
Rensselaer [illegible] N.Y.

Dear Miss H.

Mr. C. C. Torrey will start from Burlington Vt. Oct. 29. (Monday) for the Choctaw nation. He will be at the house of Prof. Torrey, Burlington. His wife will go with him.

He will be happy to have you accompany him to the Cherokee country. & they will join you at different points. He proposes that you go to Burlington, Saturday, Oct. 27, & stay with him at Prof. Torrey's over the Sabbath. Monday you can set out together; & you will have no difficulty in regard to protection or care.

On the receipt of this, please to write & see whether you will be at Prof. Torrey's, Saturday Oct. 27, as I have mentioned above. I know of no other opportunity for you to embrace this year.

Mr. C. C. Torrey is appointed to the Choctaw mission; but his route will take him through the Cherokee nation.

Very truly Yrs

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston.
Oct. 16. 1860.

Miss. H. A. Dada.
Sutton, N. Y.

Dear Miss Dada,

It gives me pleasure to inform you that the Prud. Comee, at their last meeting, appointed you an assistant missionary of the Board, with the understanding that you go to Lenox, in the Choctaw Nation, & take part in our work at that station. We hope & pray that the Lord will add his blessing, so that you may become an honored instrument in doing his will. I trust that you will find your sphere of labor pleasant, & your specialty agreeable. If it is in your heart to do Christ's pleasure, as I doubt not it is, he will make your peace as a river.

Rev. C. C. Torrey, & wife, propose to start for St Louis Oct 29, & reach Syracuse Oct 30 (Tuesday) in the forenoon. If you can, I hope you will meet him there, ready to proceed with him & the others who are going to the Choctaws. It will be best for you to be at some hotel near the depot, where he can find you easily, so that you may proceed without unnecessary delay. Another lady, Miss Hancock, will

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accompany him. At St Louis others will join you. Thence you will go by land in mission [illegible] afford.

In regard to money, you will have no occasion to trouble yourself. From Syracuse, others will pay your expenses. What you need before leaving Syracuse, Mr. Lord can draw for on the treasurer, Mr. Merwin, N. Y.

I am, sir, Affectionately,
Yrs
S. B. Treat

Mr. Lord inquires in regard to a mattress. I think you better not purchase one now, but wait till you get there. Perhaps it will not be necessary to have one sent from here. If it is desirable, you can inform me, & one shall be sent with the Choctaw supplies they [illegible].

Should the older missionaries in your party, at St Louis, think favorably of your getting one there, you are authorized to do so.

Mission Rooms, Boston
Oct. 28. 1855

Mr. H. K. Copeland
Greenville, Ohio.

Dear Brother.

Yours of the 26th has just rec'd. Of course I can not send to you at Middlebury or Tolono, for want of time. Mr. Hovey will take Miss Stannard under his care; & I shall expect Miss Snider to join him at Syracuse. Lees Creek & Leroy will, therefore, be provided for.

But I have heard nothing from Miss Gaston, & I fear that she will fail us. Can you get some one for Stockbridge? You know what is needed, & you know the importance of securing an assistant for that post. As the time is short, I give you full power to engage a person that you shall judge suitable & send her on at once. And if it should be necessary to postpone your departure from St Louis for a few days, this would be better than not to have a lady secured for Stockbridge.

Should you fail in Ohio, you can try to see Miss Gaston on your way to St Louis. Her address is Miss Charity A. Gaston, Toulon, Stark Co. Ill. Her letter to me was written from Knoxville.

It is possible I may get a letter from her

G. accepting our proposal, & agreeing to join you. In that case, if you shall not have obtained some one else, I shall wish you to take her under your care, & connect her with the party at St. Louis. I will write at once to Granville, if she does agree to go. But proceed as if she were not going; & if you secure a suitable person, take her; & if it turns out that Miss G. is willing to go, I will settle the matter with her.

Hope you will write, apprising me of your doings; & if you wish to hear from me very promptly, use the telegraph, whenever you have occasion for it. "The King's business requireth haste."

If Mrs C. is with you, give her my affectionate regards.

Very sincerely,
Yrs
S. B. Treat.

Mis. House Boston
Oct. 18. 1855

Mr. Benj. F. Odell
Plum Spring, Delaware
Co. Iowa

Dear Sir

Your favor of Oct. 1 was recd. & was laid
[illegible] Com. on the 16th. They direct
me to say that it is not in our
power to render you any aid
in carrying out your plans for
the improvement of the red race.

In reference to education, the only
difficulty [illegible] & any prospect, in
such circumstances. Could I see you
& know more of your means & ability,
I might make suggestions. As it is
I am at a loss what to say.

Very truly yrs [illegible]

Mis. House Boston
Oct 18. 1855

Mr. C. Ladd
Fulton N.Y.

Dear Bro

The enclosed is to Miss Ladd please to [illegible] place in her hands. I will thank you [illegible] Syracuse [illegible] Tuesday forenoon Oct. 30 [illegible] your place, Tuesday morning [illegible] Sexton. [illegible] cannot conveniently [illegible] the Sab. at Fulton [illegible] may probably spend it with her [illegible] Prof. [illegible] Please [illegible] know the hour as soon as convenient [illegible] they may [illegible]

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Oct 18. 1855.

Rev. E. Lord
Fulton, N.Y.

Dear Bro.

The enclosed to Miss Dada please to read & place in her hands. I will thank you or her to name a hotel in Syracuse where she will be Tuesday forenoon Oct. 30. I presume she can go from your place, Tuesday morning, to be in season.

Mr Torrey cannot conveniently spend the Sab. at Fulton. He would probably spend it with his uncle Prof. Torrey, at Burlington Vt.

Please to let me know the hotel as soon as convenient.

Yours &c
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 16. 1855.

Rev. M. Palmer M.D.
Fitchville Ohio.

Dear [illegible]

Your letters of Sept. 10 & Oct. 10 have duly received. I have conferred with the [illegible] in regard to the matters presented in your. [illegible] I have devoted [illegible] particulars.

1. We are willing to [illegible] the premises at Fairfield in a suitable state for your occupancy [illegible] have passed a vote to that effect [illegible] on the subject, [illegible] at Fairfield till you arrive upon the ground.

2. If you should find, after a fair experiment, that you cannot obtain a competent support from the resources which you have thought [illegible] for, the Com. will be ready to make such [illegible] as may be needful. We do not wish to make a "hard bargain".

We think it desirable, however, that you go out as a self supporting laborer, that the Choctaws may show what they are willing to do. We wish to see the experiment fairly tried.

Fraternally yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Oct. 16. 1855.

Rev. M. Palmer M.D.
Fitchville Ohio.

Dear Bro.

Your letters of Sept. 10. & Oct. 10 have duly received. I have conferred with the Prud. Com^ee in regard to the matters presented in your letters, & am directed to relieve your mind in certain particulars.

1. We are willing to put the premises at Fairfield in a suitable state for your occupancy; & the Com^ee have passed a vote to this effect. I will write to Rev. Orr on the subject, as I presume he will remain at Fairfield till you arrive upon the ground.

2. If you shall find, after a fair experiment, that you can not obtain a competent support from the resources which we have thought would suffice therefor, the Com^ee will be ready to give such supplementary aid as may be needful. We do not wish to make a "hard bargain" with you.

We think it desirable, however, that you go out as a self-supporting laborer, that the Cherokees may show what they are willing to do. We wish to see the experiment fairly tried.

Fraternally yours

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 18. 1855

Mr James Orr
Fairfield C. N.

Dear Sir.

Your letters of Aug 30 & Sept 18 I have duly received; and have consulted with the Com^{ee} in regard to your case. From a letter of Dr Palmer, just received, I infer that he will not be at Fairfield till next Spring. In that event, we shall be glad to have you remain there till that time; & I presume this will be agreeable to you. I hope Mr Wenz will also stay with you. Please to communicate this wish to him.

I am informed that some repairs are needed at F. If so, we should be glad to have you make them (at our expense of course) before Dr Palmer's arrival. We wish the premises to pass into his hands in good condition. We commit the business to you with entire confidence in your judgment & discretion.

After Dr P's arrival, if the fact in regard to Mr Willey be as you say, we must frankly state, (what must be obvious to you,) that we shall have no place for you. And I am sure that you love the missionary cause too well to wish us to *create* one for you. The present arrangement, you know, is not of my contriving. I wished to have Mr. Willey go to ~~Dwight~~ F. while you & Mr. Wentz took charge of Dwight. By this plan you would have had a suitable field of labor, & the station would probably have cost less than it will now. But the plan was defeated; & other changes have followed. I really supposed, however, that you did not wish to continue much longer in the mission.

I am directed, by the Comm^ee to say that you may consider the clothing sent from Boston as yours, & also receive a sufficient sum for your removal out of the country, as you propose.

If you remain at F. during the winter, you will need no provision for board.

Kind respects to Mrs. B. & Mrs. Wentz

Yours, most truly

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 18. 1855.

Rev. S. Hall.
Sauk Rapids M.T.

Dear Brother.

Yours of Oct. 7. I read to the Com^{ee} on the 16th. At your own request, they release you & Mrs. Hall from your connection with the Board. It gives us pleasure to reflect that in giving you up for another service, we resign you with entire confidence in your fidelity as a missionary & in your piety as a Christian. That my own relations to you have been so agreeable from the first, will be a source of joy & satisfaction to the end of my days.

In accordance with my letter of May last you will consider the property mentioned in yours of May 3. as your own. The $40 mentioned in yours of Oct. 7. you will please to retain from moneys of the Board, not as a loan, but as a parting gift, most cheerfully made, as well as most richly deserved.

As to the Ojibwa Testament, we think that the Bible Soc. should pay the whole of the expense, not only what you pay out while away from home, but what you will need for your family, or a Home Miss. Soc. salary for the time being. We hope you will ask & urge them to do the fair thing? That the Testament ought to be printed or if the Bible Soc. will not pay your salary during your absence, we will. This the Com^ee. authorize me to say.

If the spring & return York shall take you to Boston, I shall expect a visit from you.

Please to assure Mrs H. & the children of my affectionate regard.

As ever, paternally &
most lovingly
yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Bos
Oct. 17, 1855.

Rev. S. R. Riggs,
Dakotas.—

Dear Brother

Your letter of Aug. 18 I have had no time to acknowledge till today. Dr Anderson has not returned; & he will not be here till Dec. I have a few things to do, therefore, as you will suppose.

And here let me say a word in regard to the teacher. Having a great deal to do, & having several teachers &c to procure for other missions, I wrote to Mr. Tracy, requesting him to find one for you, as he had no other work of the kind to do. I am not quite sure that you will see the good lady you need this fall. I sincerely hope you will. I shall be disappointed, if you do not.

Should you fail of receiving the help you ought to receive, you may have one consolation. You probably will suffer no inconvenience from my shortcomings hereafter. My special relation to the Indian missions, I presume, will soon cease. The Com. will place all our publications,—Herald, Journal of Missions, Extra Journal, & Dayspring—in my charge, with the direction to give myself wholly to them, perhaps at our next meeting. Precisely what arrangement will be made for the Indian missions, I cannot say now; for we must await Dr. Anderson's return. Perhaps he will take

there, the Com^ee authorizing him to supply Rev. S.K.
Worcester & assist him. Probably this will be the
plan. On information of this matter, you will hear
from me again.

I read your letter with great pleasure.
Please to give my Christian love to the Dakotas who
are locating about you, Paul, Simon, &c. & to
assure them of my deep interest in their welfare.
I rejoice very much at what they have done for
a church. It is a sign of good; & I pray the
Lord to bless you for the liberal things you are
devising for his sanctuary. Wish I could see
those houses which are going up, & could take
you by the hand, & cheer you onward. "Be strong",
"Be of good courage." Trust in the Captain of
your salvation, & all will be well.

Give my affectionate regards to Mrs
Riggs, the children & all with you

As ever, your friend

S.B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Oct. 17, 1855.

Rev. H. A. Tracy
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Bro.

Yours of the 16th. If you find any female willing to go to Mr Riggs', let her have such an outfit as she pleases. We will raise no question as to the amount. I am quite anxious that some one should go.

She will go to St Paul. If Mr. Neill is there, he will help her forward. If not, let her find the N. S. Presbyt. minister who will advise her. When she reaches Traverse des Sioux, she will find friends, who will take charge of her.

Truly yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston.
Oct 20. 1855

Rev. A. G. Lansing.
Choctaw mission.

Dear Brother

Your report of July 12 & your letter of July 20 I duly received. I did not write in reply to the second (of July 20) because I was much driven by my work, & I had no advice to give that would be of any use to you.

Yours of Sept 6 I have lately received, & I have read it with sorrow. I pray the Lord to grant you restoration to health speedily; & I hope the case is more favorable than you represent it. Supposing, however, that it is not, I still think you had better stay among the Choctaws this winter. Coming north would be hazardous; & you can hardly have a better climate for the winter. I have not much confidence in Dr Greene's benefitting you materially. I know all about his practice & have tried the *nitrate* of *silver* for many years. It will do you very little good.

Your best course is to be in the *open air* as much as you can, riding & walking (not to the point of great fatigue), doing but little (if any) missionary work, & cherishing a quiet cheerful trust in the Lord. This is the best advice I can give, as I understand the case.

The Com^ee have not taken up the estimates. We will do the best we can for you. I think there will be no difficulty. I do not remember what I said about expenses, &c. I presume I may have used the precise language which you mention. We wish, however, the mission to pass upon all the items embraced in the estimate. The rule is a very important one, when applied to all our operations. Without it, indeed, we should be greatly embarrassed. But I need not say more.

I expect the removal of the Indian Department very soon, that I may take the entire charge of the publications, — enough certainly for one man. I suppose Mr Anderson will have these missions committed to him, assistance being furnished. But you will hear from me again on this subject.

Please to assure Mrs L. of my affectionate regards. Trust the Lord, praying that you both may be stayed upon him! "Our God is very rich," said the missionary Calhoun (Syria). May you find him so!

As ever, most truly
Yrs

S. B. Treat

Mission House Boston
Oct. 20, 1849

Mr. S. L. Hobbs
Lenox, Chʷ Nation

Dear Brother

You will think it about time to hear from me; & you are right. Tours of journeying lately made, & [illegible] have had much to do since it came to hand. Mr. Andersons absence in [illegible] [illegible] has laid a heavy burden upon me [illegible] [illegible] have [illegible] till the Lenox [illegible] delayed.

You will have seen the article in the Journal of Missions in regard to your [illegible] & fellow laborers. I directed a number of copies to be sent to you as you requested. I hope they reached you safely.

Now with regard to a lady assistant in the pulpit, I trust. I expect Miss [illegible] of Fulton, N.Y. to start about 20 for Lenox; & in Nov. I hope she will join your family. She is young, agreeable in [illegible] [illegible], & well recommended. We have endeavored to give her a correct idea of the place which she is to fill, & have said nothing to alter what I suppose you would desire. Let your good wife [illegible] her as a sister in feeling & efforts, & you will all be happy in the new arrangement.

Miss Seeder will form one of the party which is to go from St Louis about Nov. 7. They will probably delay for safety at your house, so that you will have no trouble in this particular.

I rejoice that this provision is made for Mr. Hitchcock's sake, the more as it is one of the last achievements of my administration. I expect the Com^ee will place all the periodicals of the Board in my hands very soon, & provide for the Indian Department in some other way. Probably Mr Anderson will take it, the Com^ee furnishing him with the needed assistance.

On this point, however, you will hear from me again. You may be quite sure that I shall not lose my interest in Cherok.

Please to assure Mrs Hobbs of my Christian love & believe me,

very truly
& paternally
yrs

S. B. Treat

D. S. Evans said nothing about the slavery question. If all will keep still, we shall have a time of peace. Thus far the prospect has been good.

Miss. House, Boston
Oct. 20. 1855

Rev. O. P. Stark
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Brother.

I have waited for many weeks to reply to your letters of July 8 & 9; but the pressure of labor upon me, has been very great. Mr Anderson is detained far beyond our expectation; consequently the burden continues upon us longer than we anticipated. We do not look for his return till Jan. 1.

When he shall have come back, he will probably take the Indian Department off from my hands. As Mr. Hale has finished his work, the Com^{ee} I presume will give all the publications of the Board to me; but in that event I must be released from all other duties. Mr. A. is willing to take the Indian missions, if he is allowed to employ assistance.

I have some feelings of regret at the thought of relinquishing the correspondence with the Choctaw mission. I have been deeply interested in its labors & success; & I love the brethren. It may be best, however, for its happiness & efficiency that another take my place. I am sure that *some* of your number will rejoice in the change. If it is the Lord's will, that's enough.

The slavery question is at rest for the present. The extreme abolitionists are not satisfied; that we did not expect; but most men are content, nay, gratified. If the N. Y. Observer & one good man will "keep still", we have a fair prospect of quiet. We shall see.

This topic reminds me that you have in your estimates $100 for Wm. Field. Is he a slaveholder still? If so, I am sorry that we are asked to make the appropriation. Should the fact be known, it would be used against us to our injury. I hope so good a man (as I believe he is) is free from all connection with slavery. Our native preachers should be above all just exception, as should our missionaries. When the appropriations are made, I shall ask the Comee to pass by this item till I hear from you. If he is not a slaveholder, it will give us great pleasure to grant the $100. Let me hear from you soon.

The Treasurer will allow the expense of your daughters coming to the north. So the Comee have voted. As you did not ask for a female teacher, we have sent none. Such an one as you describe is rather hard to find. I suppose Mr S. will keep a good school; but if you really desire a female, I presume the Comee will send one.

Please give my kindest regards to Miss ~~[illegible]~~. Stark. I think she will make a very good wife for you. I have a very favorable opinion of her. Regards to Mr S. & Wm. Field

Most resp. S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Oct. 20, 1855.

Mr. J. C. Chamberlain,
Choctaw Nation,—

Dear Brother.

I ought perhaps to say a few words in regard to Miss Gaston, that you may know how the case stands at present. On receiving yours of July 16, I wrote to her; but I did not receive her reply till Sept. 19. She expressed her willingness "to go to S." but "not without knowing more" as to her duties &c. I answered her letter the same day, & concluded by expressing a wish to hear from her at her "earliest convenience". But I have not heard a single word to this time. What to make of her silence, I do not know. I fear she will disappoint us. If she does, I shall regret it; for I am quite sure that with Mr. Copeland's help, we could have found some one for you.

The Choctaw party, consisting of Mr. & Mrs. Edwards, Mr. & Mrs. Lathrop, Mr. & Mrs. Torrey, Miss Slate, for Lenox, Miss Hancock, for Lee's Creek, will start from St. Louis about Nov. 7–9. I am not sure that we shall get any one, if Miss G. fails. I have written to Mr. Copeland to do his best. He is at Greenville & this a good place for good ladies, & he may succeed. You will know in due time.

Kind regards to Mrs. C. & all the Bre'n. S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston.
Oct. 20. 1855.

Rev. T. E. Ranney,
Cherokees.

Dear Brother

Your favor of Aug. 7 was received in due time; & I hoped to send a teacher with Miss Raymond; but owing to the difficulty of making the necessary "connection", I just missed of it.

Miss Hancock, of northern New York, has agreed to go; & I have made arrangements for her to accompany the Choctaw party, who expect to leave St Louis about Nov. 7 & pass through the Cherokee Nation. This is perhaps a better way for Miss H.; it is at any rate cheaper for us. She, however, is anxious to be at her work.

I have not seen Miss H. but Dr. Pomroy has seen her, at two missionary meetings; he thinks well of her. She has a good report. I hope she will prove a blessing.

Miss L. W. Hall is in the city for a few days. She is better, but not well.

I shall write to the mission soon in reply to its letter of complaint. I must confess a little surprise. It is à la Willey; but I did not suppose the mission would speak just in such a strain. Perhaps I have been mistaken as to the state of things in the nation, however.

So far as my own short-comings are concerned, you can all look forward to a brighter day. My labors in connection with the Indian missions are coming to a close. The Comee will give me all the publications, I presume, & relieve me of my Indian correspondence & responsibilities. What provision will be made for the missions, is not quite clear, though I think Dr Anderson will take them, with assistance furnished by the Comee. On this subject, however, you will hear more hereafter.

My kindest regards to Mrs. Ramsey

As ever, paternally

& very sincerely

Yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct 20 1855

To the Cherokee Mission

Dear Brethren.

I have received the minutes of your last meeting, with the estimates, as also your two letters, one presenting your report, & the other calling our attention to the wants of the mission, &c. In regard to the minutes I have no remark to make. The estimates have not been acted upon by the Com^ee; & in due time you will be informed of their doings in reference thereto. Portions of the "report" you will find in the Herald for Nov. I intended to publish the whole; but it came to hand just as the last form was made up, & there was only a certain space to be filled. I thought it better to publish what I did. I may have to wait for an entire month an opportunity to publish more.

The other letter I read with some surprise & the Com^tee have heard it with similar feelings. We certainly thought that the arrangements announced to you in my letter of Aug. 4 were the best that could be made in the circumstances & we did not dream that you would look upon the matter as you have done. On the contrary, we supposed that, in view of all the facts, you would be satisfied.

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station; but I have never had the evidence of a decided call for a missionary to enter that field. As compared with points not occupied in other parts of the world, I regard its claims as rather weak. I remember Mr Worcester's communication, written with candor & impartiality after visiting the ground; but the case did not seem to be a strong one. If we had men enough, it would be another matter. As it is, we must distribute our force where they can do the most for the Master.

I am not sure that you give us sufficient credit for what we have done for your mission. Since the Indian Department was committed to me, Mr & Mrs Ranney have joined your mission, Mr & Mrs Teele, Mr Wentz, & at least six other females, with one lay brother, who would have preached soon, & would have had a companion on the ground in a short time, had he lived. And now we have made provision for Dr Palmer's occupancy of Fairfield, the people of which, I understand, desire him before all others. I assure you that there is not any mission, that has received so many accessions. If you have just cause for complaining of the Comee other missions have more.

But I have not time to write at length. Another will soon (probably) have the charge of the Indian missions; & my prayer is that he may do much more for them than I have done. It is not ciency to carry forward our operations in this quarter with as much efficiency as we desire. Fraternally receive my trust with the feeling that I have wished to accomplish much more than I have actually accomplished.

I remain, as ever,

Your brother and
fellowservant
in the Lord
S. B. Treat

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[illegible] have been left [illegible] Dr. Palmer to F. [illegible] thoughtfully the circumstances. The proposal to [illegible] on the self-supporting plan originated [illegible] by [illegible] to me, just as a similar suggestion [illegible] originated [illegible] said to me. I thought that an experiment could be made at F. in the most favorable circumstances, and [illegible] to attempt the carrying out [illegible] plan, [illegible] could not have greater [illegible] than [illegible] into the form of [illegible] so far as I can foresee.

The [illegible] of your field appears to be greater [illegible] your ~~field~~ letter than I had supposed. I have [illegible] at the [illegible] consultation [illegible] careful perusal of all the letters [illegible] received [illegible] formed such a picture as you have presented. I know that Mr. [illegible] has been very useful; but I did not know that [illegible] have equally so. I remember very well that I received letters which intimated [illegible] in New England, 2 or 3 years ago, [illegible] highly colored, but it seems that he was not far out of the way.

Reference is made to the proposed

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From page 39.

The Com^{ee} have looked at the case again; & they do not see now that they could have done any better for all the missions which they must take into the account. If Mr Torrey had gone to F. Yazoo Creek must have been left vacant. By sending Dr. Palmer to F. we thought we did the best thing in the circumstances. The proposal to send him there on the self-supporting plan originated in what he had written to me, just as a similar suggestion from Mr W. originated in what he had said to me. I thought that the experiment could be made at F. in the most favorable circumstances. And if Mr W. is ever to attempt the carrying out of such a plan, he could not have greater facilities than he has now (with the farm at Dwight) so far as I can foresee.

The promise of your field appears to be greater from your ~~field~~ letter than I had supposed. I have taken some pains to get at the truth, by conversation & by a careful perusal of all the letters I have received; & I have not formed such a picture as you have presented. I know that Mr Willey has been very hopeful; but I did not know that the mission were equally so. I remember very well that I received letters which intimated that his addresses in New England, 2 or 3 years ago, were too highly colored; but it seems that he was not far out of the way.

Reference is made to the proposal

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Miss. House, Boston,
Oct. 23. 1855

Rev. Wm. Hall
Allegany. N.Y.

Dear Brother,

I have your last parcel of letters Sept. 27 (substituted) two of Oct. 16 & two of Oct. 18. If Bro. P. is away, nothing can be done just now. Meantime we will ask wisdom of God.

I send herewith a letter of introduction, such as you request.

Kind regards to your family

As ever,
fraternally
Yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct 23. 1855

Rev. A. Bliss
Corydon Pa

Dear Brother

Your favor of Aug. 13 I received & read with deep interest, but I have been too busy to write to you till today. What should be done precisely at Allegheny, I do not know. I have hoped to make you a visit; but I am not sure that I can compass it. Perhaps Bro. Wood will go. But I hear that Bros. Potter & Wright are away, & Bro. Gleason is at the east.

As soon as they return some one will visit you, I think.

Kind regards to Mrs B.

Fraternally Yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Oct. 23. 1855

Mrs S. M. Wellman
Holderness. N. H.

Dear Madam.

Dr B. F. Hall, & others also, are anxious to have you return to Old Town & take charge of the school there. I have conferred with the Comee & I am authorized to say that if you are disposed to return to that place, where you have been so useful, we shall be glad to have you do so. May the Great Missionary add his blessing!

In haste,
Very truly yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Oct. 23. 1855

Mr B. F. Hall
Seneca.

Dear Brother

I have received yours of Oct. 12; & I have concluded to write to day. &c. that if she is disposed to go to Old Town we shall be glad to have her.

In regard to the other matter. I am not prepared to say any thing just yet. I understand Mr. B. is away. When does he return? As soon as you can inform me definitely, please to do so. Then some thing must be done.

You will understand that I have written to day. &c.

Kind regards to all. Truly yr
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Oct 24. 1855

Mr. S. Newell Dada
Fulton, N.Y.

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 22 was this moment received. Mr. Torrey expects to go to St Louis via Detroit & Chicago. He wishes to spend the Sabbath (Nov. 4) at Kalamazoo with a brother. Of course the ladies under his care will be well provided for — then & all the way. From St Louis the party (6 or 8) will go in waggons through the Cherokee country, & leave Miss D. at Dr Hobbs'. It will be a pleasant trip, I think.

I should write to Miss D. for the present — "Care of Dr S. L. Hobbs, Doaksville, Choctaw Nation" — I believe

there is to be a new P.O. nearer
[illegible]. Of that you will be duly
informed.

Please to assure Miss [illegible]
of my deep interest in her hap-
piness & usefulness in the missionary
work, & I expect that both
will be realized.

Very respectfully
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct 24. 1855.

Mr. Jacob Hubbard
Parker Hill [illegible]

Your favor of Oct. 4 I read to the Com. yesterday, & they have voted to allow you $500, with the cattle which you took from [illegible]. I understand that you [illegible], so that you [illegible]. I understand also that Mr. Hill deposited this in the Savings Bank for you, that you may draw the amount at your pleasure. Acting upon this idea, Mr. Gordon will pay the $500 to Mr. Hill & he will inform of what he does in the premises. Mr. Hubbard will [illegible] meet your wishes.

Miss Hall was here last week, better but not well. Dr. Wilson has not returned to the United States; nor has Mr. Thompson, though we expect him in early Nov.

Please to give my Christian love to Mrs. H. & your son's family.

As ever, very respectfully
& truly
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct 24. 1855.

Mr. Jacob Hitchcock
Park Hill. Ch. Na.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of Oct. 4 I read to the Comee yesterday, & they have voted to allow you $800, with the cattle which you took from Dwight. I understand that you have received $300 already, so that you will be entitled to $500 more. I understand also that you wish to have Mr Hill deposit this in the Savings Bank for you that you may draw the amount at your pleasure. Acting upon this idea, Mr Gordon will pay the $500 to Mr Hill & he will inform of what he does in the premises. This I suppose will fully meet your wishes.

Miss Hall was here last week, better but not well. Mr Anderson has not returned to the United States; nor has Mr. Thompson, though we expect him in early Nov.

Please to give my Christian love to Mrs H. & your son's family.

As ever, very respectfully
Yr obdt
Svt
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston.
Oct. 25. 1855.

Mr. J. L. Chamberlain
Choctaws. — Dear Brother

I hope we shall send you a lady helper after all, Miss Gaston having written to me that she is willing to go; & I have requested Mr. Copeland to take her under his care, unless he shall have found some one else. I shall give directions to have the party detained at St Louis a few days, if necessary, & secure Miss Gaston.

In great haste
Very truly
Yrs
S. B. Treat

American House, Boston
Oct. 25th, 1855

Mr H. K. Copeland
Granville, Ohio. My Dear Bro.

I have just received a letter from Miss Gaston, & she is willing to go to Stockbridge. If you have found no one to whom we are fairly committed, I will thank you to give up all efforts in that direction, & take Miss Gaston, to whom I have written how the case stands, & requested her to hold herself in readiness to go with you. On receiving this, please to write to her, saying that you have some one else, if the fact is so, if not, that you will call for her at Knoxville, Knox Co. Ill. on a day to be named by you. Send your letter to Knoxville.

I suppose Mr. Copeland's letter to [illegible] is at Granville Ohio.

If some delay should be necessary to get Miss Easton, which I hardly expect, it must be submitted to. We must send a lady to Stockbridge, unless Miss Easton fails utterly, & there is no one else willing to go.

Remember me to Mrs. C.

Very sincerely

Yrs

S. B. Treat

[illegible] In case he has not found a lady for Stockbridge, we shall wish you to go by all means; & I shall [illegible] to suspend his search, & call upon you, for the purpose of conducting you to the mission. The party will assemble in St. Louis about Nov. 7. But rather than fail of getting a lady to S. I would keep them a week or a short time. Please, therefore, to be in readiness to join the party by Nov. 7 or as soon thereafter as may be.

Very truly

S. B. Treat

Charge $ 25 for the [illegible]

I suppose Mr. Copeland is at Granville Ohio. But he will be in Illinois

Miss. House Boston

Oct. 25. 1855.

Miss C. A. Gaston

Knoxville Ill. Dear Miss G.

Yours of the 19th has just reached me. I had given you up, & written to Mr. H. K. Copeland, to obtain some one in your place. But the time is so short that I do not suppose he has found any one. In case he has not found a lady for Stockbridge, we shall wish you to go by all means; & I shall give Mr. C. directions to suspend his search, & call upon you, for the purpose of conducting you to the mission. The party will assemble in St. Louis about Nov. 7. But rather than fail of taking a lady to S. I would have them wait a short time. Please, therefore, to be in readiness to join the party by Nov. 7 or as soon thereafter as may be. Yours tr

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
Oct. 25. 1855

Rev. J. Potter,
Seneca —

Dear Brother

I am still in the land of the living, though you may have inferred almost any thing from my silence, & not without reason. Yours of the 31st Aug. arrived just as I was setting out for the meeting at Utica. I went by Rutland, Vt. where I preached an ordination sermon for three missionaries, & had not time to read the letter carefully, & overlooked the request in regard to your visit to the East. When you mentioned the matter in yours of Oct. 22. it came to me as something new, of which I had not heard before. I regret my oversight most sincerely; & had I noticed the closing sentence, I should have said at once, "Go, & the Lord go with you."

Let me finish the notice of yours of Oct 22. by saying that I am sorry your opinion was not known to me sooner. We could have complied with it, & approved of Mrs P's return in certain circumstances, if the feeling in regard to her was so & so; & we were told subsequently that it was so. Hence we acted, & it may be too late.

In haste yr
S B Treat

Charge $25 for the book in your acc't with Mr Gordon

Mis. House Boston
Oct 26. 1855.

Rev A. Wright
Seneca. Dear Bro.

I have time to day but a few words. 1. What do you think of Minnie Myrtle's Book? I must notice it. 2. Can you inform her that I have only just rec^d^ it, & cannot notice until the Soc.'s publications go forth? 3. Must we keep on paying so much for interpreting & translating, the Bible Soc. paying nothing? Is Parker missionary, as I hear occasionally? 4. Do you need very much $100 for wagon horse & repairs? Our receipts come in badly. 5. I thought the "medicines" were disposed of. How is it?

Multum in parvo. Truly yrs
S. B. Treat

Mission House Boston

Oct 26. 1855

Mr B. F. Hall.

Seneca— Dear Brother.

I have written to Mr B. & enclosed a copy of the joint communication, & requested him to reply. I have proposed that I write to the individuals named, & get their statements; I hope he will consent to this. If he does, we shall soon know where we are.

Your difficulty with him I think can be disposed of, when the other matters are properly adjusted.

Let us pray for missions; for we need it. I hope all will speed for the honor of Christ

Truly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Oct. 26. 1855.

Rev. J. Potter
Senecas.

Dear Brother

I began yesterday to bring up my correspondence with you to the present time, but was kept from saying all that I wished to say by sundry interruptions. I hope to finish today. In regard to the plan of labor which you suggest for Allegany, it is just what I had thought of, & had supposed to be advisable, in the employment of Jimeson as interpreter. I think well of him as a Christian, but he is not very efficient; nor is he a good interpreter. Still, if you thought best, I should not object to him. Indeed, but for one thing, I should be inclined to say, "Go ahead, & do as you propose, supposing Bro. Bliss to be willing to leave our service, as I suppose he is. We must treat him kindly.

What is "the one thing"? I have dreaded more than I can well express writing to you in relation thereto. If I could honestly avoid it, you would not hear any such words from me as I feel constrained to utter.

Till quite recently I supposed your relations to Mr. Hall, to be perfectly kind & fraternal. A short time since B. F. H. wrote to me that there was a difficulty between you & him, & he seems greatly distressed by it. He did not state the origin of it; he only wrote that there was an unpleasant correspondence, & wished to lay it before me that I might advise him. I have not given him permission to send it as yet. About the same time I received a letter from B. H. which informed me that there were suspicions abroad of indiscreet familiarity with other ladies than Mrs. P. &c. I replied to Mr. H. & he said that he knew nothing of these matters personally; that I must deal with you frankly & above board; that I should be quite slow to believe any thing against your Christian integrity, & that I must have something that I could put into your hands, that you might know the nature & extent of the charges. In consequence of this letter, I have received a communication of which ~~the following is~~ I enclose, a copy. This will show you just what is said to your detriment, & will enable you to take such a course as you may think best. The difficulty between you & B. F. H. growing out of these matters, or a part of them, is a separate affair, the adjustment of which will probably be easy, when these complaints or intimations shall have been disposed of.

I do not intend to go into this unpleasant business at much length. I have had entire confidence in you & the Stalls, & I am not willing to withdraw it from either, till I have reasons that I cannot meet satisfactorily. I shall hold you a true missionary, till I am obliged to change my opinion. But it is clear that something needs to be done

You should not be under any such suspicions for an hour, if there is no foundation for them. If you are in fault, the truth should be known; & I am sure you will say "Amen" to this.

What is to be done? The Prud. Com^ee know nothing of this trouble; I hope they will have no occasion to know it. It ought not to be bruited abroad; for whether you are innocent or not, the rumor would do mischief. I wish as few persons as possible to become acquainted with it. Cannot we manage to settle the whole business to the satisfaction of all without any noise?

If I could go to Allegheny & see them, I might set things right; but it is next to impossible for me to leave. I can send Bro. Haswell, who is as kind a brother as there is any where; for I think I could induce him to go, however reluctant he might be. I can write to the persons named as having some impressions in regard to this matter, & get their statements, & then communicate with you. But I do not wish to take this course without your consent. As matters are, I am rather inclined to favor the performance of this last plan. Suppose I get the statements of these individuals & see what they amount to; & then we can determine what is the next thing to be done. What say you to this? Let me know as soon as may be. [illegible]

S. B. T.

Miss. House, Boston
Oct. 29, 1855.

Rev. Allen Wright
Choctaw Arkansas

Dear Brother

Yours of the 17th & 23d Oct. I have just received. The list of books which you have sent is rather larger than I expected, & I see that your idea in regard to your work, may possibly be different from mine & I write now that there may be no misunderstanding hereafter.

We do not expect to support you for the purpose of making translations. If that is to be your chief business, the Bible Society should pay your salary. We want you to make preaching your main business; & whatever else you do, should be subordinate to this. If the mission shall wish you to aid in the work of translating, in addition to your preaching labors, & with no material diminution of those labors, I have no doubt the Comee will consent to the arrangement. But we think it of the highest importance that your knowledge of Choctaw should be made as available as possible in saving the souls of your people in the way of direct personal appeals.

In regard to books then I think the

best way for you will be, to select your field of labor with the concurrence of the mission; & when you have settled down, & know your wants, you can judge of your wants more accurately. My experience is against buying many books till they are actually needed.

Let me hear from you as soon as convenient. And please to send Mr. Gordon an account of your expenses to the Choctaw Nation. This is according to our custom.

Very sincerely,

Fraternally

Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss Stone, Boston:

Rev. [illegible]

Dear Brother

[illegible] the Choctaw mission. [illegible] put himself in connection [illegible] & labor [illegible]. We do not ask point him a missionary; but he stands on the same footing as Bro. Fisk. It will be for the mission, therefore, to locate him where he can be the most useful, & say what he receive as a salary. If any question should arise as to building a house, we shall want the opinion of the mission. I sincerely hope, however, that wherever he goes, the trouble will attend to the matter. We have as much as we can carry now.

I am a little afraid that our young brother may have plans & expectations which will embarrass us. The Comm. wished him to go down to the nation with the company that meets at St Louis next week. It would have been much cheaper, but he was minded to go by the southern route. He wanted to buy a one horse wagon with a top; to this we demurred

Miss. House, Boston.
Oct. 19. 1855.

Rev. Messrs Byington
& Kingsbury

Dear Brethren

I wish to say a few words to you, confidentially, as the fathers of the Choctaw mission. You know that we have told Allen Wright that he might go back to his people at our expense, with the understanding that he put himself in connection with the mission, & labor under its direction. We do not appoint him a missionary; but he stands on the same footing as Pliny Fisk. It will be for the mission, therefore, to locate him where he can be the most useful, & say what he shall receive as a salary. If any question should arise as to building a house, we shall want the opinion of the mission. I sincerely hope, however, that wherever he goes, the people will attend to this matter. We have as much as we can carry now.

I am a little afraid that our young brother may have plans & expectations which will embarrass you. The Comee wished him to return to the nation with the company that meets at St Louis next week. It would have been much cheaper; but he was minded to go by the southern route. He wanted to buy a one horse waggon with a top; to this we demurred be consulted, however, to his having a horse, saddle & bridle, as he will probably need such an outfit. I fear that when his expenses to the nation shall have been paid, the total will be large; I hope I shall be mistaken.

He has spoken to me in regard to books. I advised him not to procure many books now, but send me a list of such as he would need; & others could be bought from time to time. He spoke of translating; but I supposed of course that he would act in such a matter under the direction of the mission. From Charleston, however, he has sent a long list of commentaries "such as he shall need when he comes to translate the Bible."

Now several questions arise just here. 1. How far is the business of translation to be carried? I had supposed not much farther at present, especially at our expense. If Allen W. is to become translator, the Bible Soc. ought to support him. 2. Is he competent to translate? 3. Is this the best use that can be made of him, for the good of his people, supposing him to be fully competent? 4. For the present had he not better labor in the western part of the nation, where he seems to be wanted, & eventually have his own charge like Pliny Fisk, if he obtain a good report in his ministry?

I throw out these thoughts that you may have the best disposition of our young brother fully in mind, & may know what to advise. Truly yours, S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Oct 29. 1855.

To the Choctaw Mission

Dear Brethren.

It gives us much pleasure to know that Mr Allen Wright, a licensed preacher of the gospel, & of good report in these parts, has returned to labor spend & be spent among his own people. We doubt not you will gladly welcome him to a participation in your labors. We trust that he will not disappoint your expectations, but that, through God's blessing, he will be made an instrument of great good to the Choctaws. For this result let us all strive together in prayer with him!

I presume you will have no difficulty in comprehending the precise relations which he will sustain to you. It is a universal rule with the Comee not to appoint any one as a missionary or an assistant missionary with a view to his laboring among his own people. Our young brother goes back to his nation as a Choctaw. This is just what he wishes to be. He will be a Choctaw preacher, like our honored brother Fisk; & when he is ordained, & he will belong to the Presbytery, & ecclesiastically be as one of you. In the mission, however, he will be a corresponding member.

It will be for the mission to confer and advise with him as to the field of his labors, where he will go & what he shall do. It will be their duty also to decide such questions as may arise in this regard; for the Prud. Comee will expect to act in such a matter only upon the recommendation of the mission; just as they would expect to do in the case of a missionary who should be sent out with no designation.

When the place & kind of labor are adjusted to the mutual satisfaction of our young brother & the mission, the question of support will come up. Here again we shall want the opinion of the mission. I hope the idea of self-support will soon enter more largely into the views of the Choctaw brethren; but we do not intend to urge this matter unduly. Whatever the mission shall recommend as an allowance for Mr. [illegible] the Comee will grant, if they consistently can. It is important, however, for you to adopt a scale of allowance that will apply to other cases. I hope that others will receive the vows of the ministry at no distant day. We must be careful that we do not establish precedents in regard to salaries that will deter the churches from becoming independent. This we have found a very important consideration in other parts of the world.

With these remarks, I commend our dear brother to you, praying that the Great Missionary will make him, with us all, faithful to the end.

As ever, Yours in the Gospel, S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Oct. 31. 1855.

Rev. P. P. Osunkhirhine
St. Francis, C. E.

Dear Brother.

Your favor of Oct. 26 I have received; & yesterday I read it to the Comee. We are glad that you have more encouragement in your work, & we pray the Lord of the harvest to bless you greatly. We long to see all of your people coming under the power of the gospel. Labor & pray for this, dear brother, as one who must give an account at the last day.

In regard to your request for money, I am directed to write as follows. We find that you have had $550 since Jan. 1. 1855. The Comee do not feel that they can do any thing more for you till Jan. 1856. In view of the increased expense of living they will allow you $350 for 1856; & one half of this you can draw in Jan. & one half in July; that is $175 at each time. Our receipts are diminishing, & we must be careful, or we shall be embarrassed.

As ever, I am fraternally
Yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
Oct. 31. 1855.

Rev. S. A. Worcester,
Cherokee Mission.

Dear Brother

Your letters of Aug. 27, Sept. 19, & Sept. 24, I have received, & read with special interest. My letter to the mission you will have received, in answer to what is said about reinforcements &c.

In that communication I intimated my expectation that the Indian missions were to pass into other hands; but I fear that some of your number are to be unpleasantly disappointed. I have since conferred with the Comm^ee & they are unwilling to release me from this duty, not knowing how to provide for ~~them~~ the missions properly. They think that Dr. Anderson has about enough already; & he has something of a storm in prospect, (when he returns to this country.) There are serious objections to bringing Bro. Wood into the Rooms, because of his residence in New York. On the whole, I do not see much reason to anticipate any change of administration at present.

In regard to the letter of the mission to which mine of Oct. 20 is mainly a reply, I have not even now got over the surprise which it occasioned. The statements respecting the promise of the field are stronger than I have received (I must think) from any one except Mr. Willey. His accounts I have distrusted, ever since I was with you in Jan. 1848. If the mission letter is the plain truth, & nothing more, then there has been a fault in not keeping me duly "posted up." I have supposed myself sufficiently hopeful as touching our missions among the aborigines of this country; I have been accused of being too sanguine. But in an unexpected hour, I find that I have been quite too doubtful in respect to the Cherokees.

I am a believer still, notwithstanding the opinion of my brethren, in the expediency of sending Dr P. to Fairfield. The people want him, as I am told; & he will probably be as useful there, to say the least, as any one else. "Send him somewhere else," you say. We remember what is said about the wife, that Com^{ee} would be slow to appoint her an assistant missionary; how we avoid that difficulty. And where would Dr. P. live? We had spoken of Dwight. How would Mr. P. & Willey get along together? 'Let them go somewhere else.' Where? At Spears neighborhood? And shall we incur the expense of another Lee's Creek, with such a wife, & so much uncertainty as to the result of the experiment? I think not.

We considered our solution a happy thought. It provided for all the stations, left Mr. Ranney free to itinerate, & left Mr. Torrey free for Yazoo Creek. Why not send another to the latter place? Because we have no such man. Some of our missions, much more hopeful than yours, with mighty interests pending upon their present efficiency, are very weak. And should we take some one from his expected field, & send where his preference did not lead him? This would not be wise.

I must think, after mature reflection, that we have done the best thing in our power. Mr P. will probably go to F. in the Spring. I have written to him in regard to repairs & supplementary aid, if it shall be needed. And I may be allowed to say that the expenses of your mission for 1854-5 (See Report) are quite large. I think we are excusable for wishing to make them less. We have a dark prospect before us in the matter of finances. We shall need relief, wherever we can get it.

What you say about Mr Willey, induces me to remark that if he, Mr. Willey, leaves Dwight, I do not know where he is to go. We must have a voice in the matter. I hope the mission will bear this in mind. He was sent back to occupy F. unless the mission should be clearly of a different opinion. He did not go there. If another change is to be made, we shall wish to be heard, especially if any additional expense is to be incurred.

Your letter of Sept 27 I have read again & again, with special attention; & I am waiting with some anxiety the result of your next Council. But I have not time to go into this matter. Indeed, I have done about enough in the Slavery line. Henceforth I should like the emeritus.

Kindest regards to Mrs. W. & your associates.

As ever, your friend &
brother in the
Gospel
S.B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Nov. 2. 1855.

Rev. John Edwards
Philad. Pa — Dear Bro.

I have just received your favor of Oct. 31. Mr Torrey has started for your mission with a lady for Lenox, & one for Lee's Creek; & I suppose another will be obtained in Illinois for Stockbridge. No others are going this fall.

This party will leave St Louis Nov. 10. to Nov. 15 I suppose. Are you sure that Mrs E. had better go back this fall? I have some doubts, but do as you & she may think best.

As ever fraternally yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Nov. 3. 1855

Rev. L. H. Wheeler
Ojibwas.— Dear Bro.

You are aware that the U. S. Govt— allow $300 for education at La Pointe, not intending to restrict the expenditure, I presume, to that identical spot. Since 1848 our vouchers are defective; & I write to see if you cannot help us. I wish you to send us vouchers in the following form

$— (the amount in figures). Bad River, Ojibwas,
La Pointe Indians,
Nov. 20. 1855

Recd of James M. Gordon, Treasurer of the Am. Board of Comrs. for For. Missions,— (the sum written in dollars) moneys expended by me to educate ~~Indian~~ Ojibwa children of the La Pointe band, ~~during~~ near La Pointe, during the year 1849. (1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854.)

Signed—

Please to go back to the school expenses for the first year, (1849 or 1850 as the case may be,) & come down to the present time, making an estimate for each year, & make out a receipt in the above form, inserting the estimated sum. For the present year, please to estimate the school expenses, & then make out quarterly receipts. Say, —instead of "during the year 1849."— "during the quarter ending March 31, or June 30, or ~~Oct~~ Sept. 30 or Dec. 31.

In estimating the school expenses, it is proper to include all that the school costs, salary of teacher, board for pupils, &c. I am not sure that you can properly include Mr. Pulsifer's salary since he joined you last year; I do not know the facts fully. He went to Bad River to teach. He received his support from us as a teacher, though I believe he has not actually taught much. On our accounts his expenses belong to the class of educational expenses most clearly. Perhaps you will be able to find good reasons for including them in your receipts. If so, you will have no difficulty in making up $300 for 1855.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. [illegible]

[illegible] 1855. We want three more for this year. Will you attend to it in any way [illegible]. In place I send a form to be filled out.

Yrs

1st p. 50.

S. B. Treat

Mackinaw, July 1, 1855

Rec'd of James M. Gordon, Treasurer of the Am. Board of Com.rs for For. Missions, eighty seven dollars & fifty cents for money expended by me to educate Indian children at [illegible] during the quarter ending June 30th, 1855.

(Signed)

You can send another, ending Sept. 30, now & in a few weeks; another ending Dec. 31, and so on to the end.

I have drawn the voucher upon the idea

Mis. House, Boston
Nov. 3. 1855.

Rev. W. Willey
Cherokees. —

Dear Bro.

You are aware that the U. S. Govt. allow $370 for education at Dwight; I hope to get it allowed for the Cherokees generally, that it may be expended at some other station in part, if it is not needed at Dwight. Meantime we want vouchers to draw the money. Mr. Hitchcock did the business formerly; & he gave a voucher for the 1st quarter of 1855. We want three more for this year. Will you attend to this matter in Mr. H's place. I send a form to be filled out.

$87.50.

Dwight, Cherokee
Nation, July 1. 1855

Recd. of James M. Gordon, Treasurer of the Am. Board of Comrs. for For. Missions, eighty-seven dollars & fifty cents for moneys expended by me to educate Indian children at Dwight during the quarter ending June 30th 1855.

(Signed)

You can send another, ending Sept. 30, now & in a few weeks, another ending Dec. 31, and so on to the end.

I have drawn the voucher upon the idea

that all the expenses of education at Dwight equal $390, as in past years. It is proper to include all the expenses, as Miss Huggins' board at a proper rate, & whatever is paid for boarding scholars &c &c. I suppose that the total will reach $390. If it does not, ascertain the actual amount for a year, & divide it into 4 parts, one for each quarter.

Mr. Greene will be obliged to you for attending to this matter in his behalf.

Kind regards to Mrs. W. & Miss Thrall.

Very sincerely

Yrs

S. B. Treat

[illegible] could hardly be [illegible] Mission House, Boston

[illegible] of parents [illegible] more promptly. The preparation of one of the tables required my personal attention & labor.

Table A. is not accurate throughout; for in some cases I have been obliged to give an approximate estimate, in the absence of certain items with full & specific details. I am quite clear, however, that the total of our expenditures for education among the Indians will go beyond the figures which I send you.

Table B. will show what amount we receive from the Government for education. Table C. will indicate our whole expenditure in behalf of the Indians in the U. S. for ten years from 1st Aug. 1835. The first year extends from Aug. 1 1835 to July 31, '36. I take our financial year, rather than the calendar, because the table is more perfectly accurate; in the other case

Mission House, Boston
Nov. 3. 1855.

Hon. G. W. Manypenny,
Com^{r}. of Indian Affairs.

Sir.

Your favor, addressed to the Treasurer, asking for a statement of our expenditures for the education of Indians for ten years, is placed in my hands for a reply. I regret that the urgency of my official engagements has prevented my answering more promptly. The preparation of one of the tables required my personal attention & labor.

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Table B. will show what amount we receive from the Government for education. Table C. will indicate our whole expenditure in behalf of the Indians in the U. S. for ten years prior to Augt. 1. 1855. The first year extends from Augt. 1 1845 to July 31. '46. I take our financial year, rather than the calendar, because the table is more perfectly accurate; in the other case, it could hardly be so. I am aware that you did not ask for this table; but it will do no hurt to send it. And we believe that all our expenditure is for the civilization of the Indian race; inasmuch as the gospel is the best & most successful agent in elevating & improving our degraded fellow men.

Permit me, Sir, to submit two inquiries to the Department over which you preside. 1. Will it be consistent with your rules to increase the allowance for education, in some of the tribes? 2. Will it be consistent with your rules to make the present & all future allowances, not to a particular school or station, but to the tribe generally.

On the first inquiry, I need not enlarge. You will see what we are doing; in some directions, we may increase ~~en~~large our expenses. On the second, I may say that we wish to make changes from time to time in our plans, doing more for education, now at this point, now at that, as we think to be wisest & best. Hence it may happen that money now needed at one station, may be needed more at another, two or three years hence; for it is a part of our endeavor to induce the Indians to support their own schools, where we can do so.

I should be glad, therefore, to have authority to expend the $390 for the Cherokees at any of our stations. And the same is true of the Dakotas.

Ojibwas, of whom we have but one station strictly at present, & New York Indians. Among the Dakotas we are starting a boarding-school. Will not the Department be able to aid us therein, at least till it shall carry into operation its own plans? We wish to do something in the same line at Red River. Can you do better than make us an allowance for such a purpose? We are expending a considerable sum, you will see, for the New York Indians, Senecas & Tuscaroras. Can you give us any additional aid?

I remain, Sir, very respectfully
your obed^t servant

S. B. Treat
Sec. of the A. B. C. F. M.

Miss. House Boston
Nov 7. 1855.

Rev C. C Torrey
St Louis Mo. Dear Bro.

I have just recd yours of Nov. 3. I have telegraphed Miss H. & I also write herewith. A little discipline at the beginning may do you all good. Those who go beyond seas, have sea-sickness; you have other trials. Honor Christ in this & all will be well.

I still retain the Indian mission, the Comee refusing to release me for the present. Some will be sorry; but I did the best I could to oblige them.

Be sure to get a lady for Stockbridge, if possible.

Kind regards to Mrs T. Yours S B Treat

Miss. House Boston
Nov. 7. 1855

Miss C. J. Hancock
St. Louis Mo.

Dear Miss. H.

Yours of Nov. 6. I have received; & I have telegraphed to you: "Buy what you need; will send box, if found." This is said upon the supposition that you fail to receive the box at St Louis. And I say now, if the box does not overtake you, get such things as you will want, to supply the place of what was in the box; & if we can find it, we will forward it by water.

Sympathize with you in this trial; but do not suffer your self to be cast down by it. As strange thing has happened unto you. Life is full of such events & all are appointed unto us as our discipline. The only point for you to consider is this. "How can I derive the most benefit from this untoward occurrence?"

Go forward cheerfully, hopefully, with a smile on your face, & joy in your heart. It is a privilege (is it not?) to be tried by the Master. Perhaps you were looking for some trial of a different sort. He knew what was best for you.

Very sincerely & affectionately

Yrs

J. B. Kerr

Miss. House. Boston
Nov. 7. 1855.

Rev. J. H. Pettingell
Albany. N.Y. — Dear Bro.

You have been written to in regard to Miss Havelock's box. If found in season, I suppose it will go to St Louis to overtake her. If found too late for this, please to send it to the Miss. House, & we will send it by water.

The Comee have decided to incorporate the Dayspring with the Journal of Missions, so as to save some $3500, & change the form, making the size of the Journal a little. Same to keep the ladies. Your articles will go into the double paper, I suppose. Truly Yrs S.B. Treat

Miss. Rooms Boston
Nov. 7. 1855.

Rev. J. Potter
Seneca—

Dear Brother

I have received your long letter, & read it with care. The tenor of it is somewhat as I expected; but as I may act hereafter in the capacity of a judge, I will not give my opinion as to the merits of the case just now.

What shall be done next? This is an important inquiry. We want to get at the truth, & we want to do it in the best way. How shall both ends be secured?

I *might* go to Allegheny, & have a formal investigation, with your consent, all parties being present. This would be unpleasant, & probably cause irritation, besides leading to some notoriety, which would be bad, quite deplorable indeed. I might go around & see those who have any knowledge of the matters in dispute, *pro* or *con*. This would be undesirable on many accounts, & there would be some danger of notoriety even in this case.

The best plan which I can think of is this. Let me *write* to the persons who have any facts to communicate, *pro* or *con*, & when I have the answers I can see what is to be done. Of course, I should not pronounce any opinion unfavorable to you, without further conference or correspondence with you. But having the answers, I should probably find that I could see light ahead, & discover some mode of getting out of the difficulty.

Suppose the result should be, as you doubtless think it would be, that I should discover nothing against you worthy of death or bonds. I could say so to the Hallys; & they would probably abide by my opinion. Perhaps the whole matter could be settled by letter; if not, a visit would accomplish vastly more. In fact, by the correspondence the case would be greatly simplified.

If you take the same view of the matter please to let me know it, & let me have the name & address of each one who can throw light on your side of the question, with such suggestions as to the inquiries to be put as you think best. Or you can get the statements of these individuals yourself. I will then get the statements on the other side; & the case will be ready for the first stage.

When I spoke of getting the statements of the persons mentioned by the Hallys, I did not expect these would conclude you. If they were insufficient, I could say so. If they made out something of a case, I could ask what you had to say on your side. Fraternally yrs S.B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Nov. 14. 1855.

Mr Chs. Pulsifer
Naperville, Ill.

Dear Brother

Your letters of Sept. 25. Oct 10th & Nov 6. have been all received. I have been waiting for some time for a leisure moment that I might write in reply, but have not found it till now.

I deeply sympathize with you in the failure of your eyes to answer the purpose (in part) for which eyes are given to us. It must be a great trial to you; & if you look on one side of the matter, you will find much to pain & disturb you. But there is almost always a bright side to our trials; & so I have no doubt you will have found it. Dwell upon this aspect of the dispensation. Get all the good you can from it. See how much reason for thankfulness you can discover. You will find much more than you thought. You will be richer than you deemed, & happier also. God deals most kindly & liberally with us, even he seems to be the most severe. His ways are wonderful, past finding out!

After receiving your last letter I conferred with the Pru'l Comm^ee in respect to a field for you, in your present circumstances. I am obliged to say that we know of no opening at present for one in your situation. If it is to be taken then that you cannot return to Red River to teach (for I presume you are right in your judgment) I see not but we must relinquish our hold upon you. You can fairly claim this concession from us, I think, that you were ready to go for the missionary work whatever was in your power.

Of course, the Comm^ee have taken no final action in your case. They will do so, however, if it be your decision not to return to Red River, whenever you shall please.

Please to present my kind regards to Mrs P., praying that the ~~Lord~~ will guide & bless you to the end.

I subscribe myself
As ever fraternally
Yr
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Nov. 17. 1855.

Rev. G. W. Wood,
New York — Dear Brother

I have just received a letter from Mr. Potter. He declines acceding to the plan I proposed; i.e. of having me get by letters from different persons having cognizance of the matters in question whatever may be needful for me to know; — he wants me to go to Alleghany, & see the witnesses at their places of residence.

Now if I must go there, the taking charge of the Journal at the beginning of the year, the most important time, is out of the question. Can you go? Let me know at once. Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Nov. 17. 1855.

Mr. H. W. Pitkin
Manchester, Ct.

Dear Bro.

Yours of the 11th Nov. I have just recd. I have time to say but a few words. Mr. Copeland has returned to the Choctaw nation, with Mr. & Mrs. Lathrop. Mrs. C. has *not* gone; but where she is I know not; perhaps she is in Granville, Ohio. Mr. & Mrs. Edwards are in Philadelphia, hoping to set out soon. His address is "Care of Jas. Murphy 97 Market St." I do not know whether Mrs. W. has left or not

Truly Yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Nov. 20. 1855

Rev. L. A. Field,
Marlboro. Ms.

Dear Bro.

Yours of Nov. 6 I duly received. I have waited beyond my expectation before answering it; for I have not known what to say. The Com^{ee} wish me to assume new duties; if I take them, I must be very much confined.

Shall you be at home, needing help, next Sab.? If so, I may possibly be able to come out Sat. P.M. Don't place any dependence on me; but if you should let me know that you would be glad to see contingently, I might visit you.

Fraternally yrs, S B Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Nov. 21. 1855

Rev. A. Bliss
Corydon. Pa.

Dear Bro.

Your favor of Nov. 12 I have duly received. I have been hoping for some time that I should be able to find leisure for a visit to your reservation; but I am likely to be disappointed. The Com^ee wish me to take charge of the Journal of Missions (with which the Dayspring is to be united) & I have consented to take this additional burden. I can look forward, therefore, to no _leisure_ for a long time to come.

To supply my lack of service, however, the Com^ee have requested Mr. Wood to visit the Seneca mission; & he will do so, I suppose, early in Dec. You will meet him, I doubt not; & I commend him to you as "a brother beloved."

In regard to your continuance at Allegany, I have taken the advice of the Com^ee. We find, as it seems to us, a providential indication of what you & we are to do. We must reduce our expenses among the Senecas. We are threatened with a heavy debt; & aside from that I have felt for some time that we ought not to devote so large a share of our funds to this field.

Just when we are coming to this conclusion in my thoughts, you have a call from a Church in Chautauque Co. It seems to us that the way is open for you to accept, without exposing yourself to any suspicion of fleeing from a post of duty.

In regard to any difficulties on your resignation, it does not appear to be best to take them into the account. We ought to assume for the present, that all will be adjusted properly; or, at least, that Providence will take us out into a large place in some way that we do not now see. I refer, of course, to personal matters.

The general state of things among the Senecas is not so hopeful as I could wish; but we must not give them up — yet. The Lord may have a deliverance in the future that we cannot anticipate.

It would give me great pleasure to see you & yours before you go to Chautauque; but that is "out" without question. I have a winter of hard work before me, & must address myself to it.

Please to assure Mrs. Bliss of my affectionate regards, & accept for yourself the assurance of my Christian love.

Yours, most sincerely,

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Nov 24. 1855

Rev. J. Potter
Seneca.

Dear Bro.

From yours of the 14th I infer that you draw conclusions from mine of Nov. 7 which I did not intend to convey. I did not intimate any "suspicions". I used the word "investigate," perhaps unadvisedly, not meaning thereby to imply any opinion or suspicion against your character. I supposed it quite patent to all that something was needed to adjust the difficulty at Allegany. I thought my mode of procedure was the best; you have preferred another, perhaps with good reason; I am willing to concede that your wishes should be regarded in the premises; so things will take the course which you suggest.

But it is impossible for me to go to Allegany. The Comee wish me to edit the Journal of Missions (with which the "Youths' Dayspring" is to be united) & I must begin at once, so that I shall have more to do at home than I can well do. In these circumstances the Comee have requested Mr Wood to visit the mission; & he has consented to go. They do not know any thing of the allegations of the Halls; they only know that I think there are reasons for a visit, some of which I have mentioned.

Mr Wood says he can't go to Allegany

till the first week in Dec. I have requested him to write to you; & perhaps you had better write to him, that you may have an understanding as to time &c, &c.

Mr Wood's visit makes it the less necessary that I should write at length; for which I have no time. My only aim has been to bring about an adjustment, satisfactory to all, if possible, which should attract no attention from outsiders. Our hold at Allegheny is not strong enough to admit ~~much~~ of much diminution. If it should get abroad that there are difficulties, charges, divisions, &c, with a possible amount of exaggeration, the work of our mission in that field might be considered as about done. Hence it seemed very desirable for me to get the material [illegible] of quieting the whole matter. If you are to labor at Allegheny, with most prospect of usefulness, certain persons must be fairly induced to keep still. This was what I wished to do.

I have great confidence in Bro Wood's piety, kindness, judgment, &c. A better man could hardly be found for such a mission.

Yours truly

S B Treat

Miss. Rooms Boston

Nov 23. 1855

Rev C. Byington

Choctaw Mission.

Dear Bro.

I have received a letter from your good wife, in which she asks for a copy of a letter I wrote to Mr. Winship. I send herewith what I suppose she wants. Please to assure her of my affectionate regards.

The estimates for Stockbridge are approved by the sub. com.ee on the appropriations; & the Prud. Com.ee will accept the report next Tuesday, I have no doubt. You may govern yourself accordingly. Please to say to Mr. Chamberlain that $267 will be allowed to him as usual. Miss Gaston is with you, I presume. Has Mrs L. B. Lewis they are trying to give the bread of life to multitudes who now perish with hunger. In this work we need your help, will you give it!

1. To the Churches of Christ among the Senecas of Cattaraugus and Alleghany:

We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for the grace which he has bestowed upon you, and for the fruit which he has enabled you to bring forth to his honor; and we pray that your profiting by his Word and ordinances may abound yet more and more. We have you in our hearts continually; and there is no greater joy for us than to be told of your growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior. When we hear that any of you, like our beloved brother Twoguns, have fallen asleep in Jesus, we are partakers of your grief; but we bless God for the hope that we shall see them in that world, where we shall know even as we are known.

Brethren, suffer a word of exhortation & appeal. The Churches which we serve, are doing a great work. In the name of our blessed Master, and for his honor, they are trying to give the bread of life to multitudes who now perish with hunger. In this work we need your help, will you give it!

1. We need your prayers. Pray for us that we may have understanding to resolve all hard questions, and strength equal to our day. Pray for all the Churches gathered by our Missionaries, that the blessing of God may be upon them, and that they may be multiplied to the utmost bound of the everlasting hills. Pray for the speedy triumph of Christ in all the habitations of Cruelty. Lift up your eyes and see. What signs of promise are abroad in the earth! Remember the words of Paul: "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all Saints."

2. We need your godly living, that thereby we may silence gainsayers, and prove the excellency of the gospel of Christ, to the glory of his grace. You can do much in this way to cheer us, much to aid us. You are in the midst of our Churches. Others who are our joy and rejoicing, are far hence. You are with us and among us. You are a city set upon a hill. For many years you have known the truth as it is in Jesus. With confidence then let us point to you, from

this time forward, as to so many witnesses for the power of God's holy word. Let us hear that from you soundeth out the word of the Lord, that in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad, so that we need not to speak anything.

3. We need, not for ourselves, but for others, a portion of your silver and gold, which are the Lord's. The cry from heathen lands is waxing louder and louder. "Send us the good book!" "Send us Jesus Christ's man!" Such are the words that come to us. Missionaries are calling to us, faint and weary by reason of their burdens. Shall we suffer them to fall utterly! At times, in past years, a necessity has been laid upon us to do this. Must we still make such costly sacrifices! If we do, will not God say to us, "Why this waste"?

Brethren, we are straitened. "How shall they hear without a preacher". and how shall they preach except they be sent!" We need help. This is our word to all our Churches. With the same word we come to you. We speak not by commandment, but to prove the sincerity of your love. God has done great things for you. Is not this a time then for a thank-offering! "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor; that ye through his poverty might be rich." Count up your mercies. Think of your heavenly inheritance. Tell us, "What is

its length and breadth'?" What is its value!'
Seeing then that Christ has purchased such
a possession for you, what offering will
you lay at his feet?
Praying that God will make his grace
abound toward you, that ye always, having
all sufficiency in all things, may abound
to every good work, ~~th~~ we leave it to our beloved
brother, the bearer of this epistle, to present our
Christian salutations, and declare our thoughts
more fully unto you.

From the Prudential
Committee of the A.B.C.F.M.

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
Nov 28 1855

Rev. J. Edwards
Wheelock. — Dear Bro.

In passing upon the estimates for Wheelock, we have hardly known what to do. Mr. Wright & Miss Kerr, we suppose, have gone. We have allowed, therefore, $267 for the school & $400 for you, the same as Mr Byington & Kingsbury receive. I fear this will not be enough; but we did not know what else to say. If this is not sufficient, please to let us know it; & we will try to do more. Our funds are low; but you must live comfortably.

I do not know how you must [illegible] reaching home; but I suppose this will find you there. Kind regards to Mrs E. Miss S. B. Kerr

Miss. House, Boston
Nov 28 1855.

Rev C. C. Torrey
Choctaws. Dear Bro

Suppose you are now on mission ground. If so, in good health, & I congratulate you on the privilege, for such it is.

I am still Sec. for the Indians, tho I have the publications. I can write but little, however, as I am very busy. Perhaps some one will do better hereafter.

In making appropriations for 1856, we have allowed you $1000, for dispensary & building. It is a random shot; perhaps you will want more; if so let us know it. But, pray, let us off easy this year as convenient. A cloud is before us. Kind regards to Mrs T. Yours &c S. B. Treat

Miss. House,
Boston Nov 30. 1855

Mr S. L. Hobbs
Okolona — Dear Bro.

The Comee. have allowed you $600 for the expenses of your station for 1856. This was the estimate.

By this time you will almost have seen Miss Lada. Before this letter reaches you, she will be quite at home. Trust you will be happy in her abiding with you, & she in her labors. If the Lord add his blessing, it will surely be so.

I am now to edit the Journal, which will make me very busy. I shall not write as much to my missionaries, as I could wish. Let me hear from you. Soon. Kind regards to Br & Mrs H. Yours ev S B Treat

Miss. House
Boston, Nov 30 '55

Rev A. G. Lansing
Choctaws. Dear Bro.

The Comee have approved the estimates for your station, & have allowed $1200 for 1856. They wish me to say, however, that as we are to be much troubled with debt, they hope you will spend as much less as you can. We have a dark prospect, indeed, so far as finances are concerned.

I hope to hear that you are improved in health, & that the Lord has years of labor for you among the Choctaws. But it is best to leave all with him who makes no mistakes.

With kind regards to Mrs L. Truly yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Nov 30. 1855.

Rev C C Copeland
Choctaws. — Dear Bro.

The Com^{ee} have approved the estimates for your station, & allow you $600, with $200 for native helpers. We have a poor prospect in regard to finances, & I hope you will let us as easily as possible.

I am to edit the Journal of Missions. Of course I cannot write many long letters to my brethren in the Indian missions. I shall have some hard work. This I am willing to have, if the good cause can be advanced.

Kind regards to Mrs C.

Fraternally yrs S. B. Treat.

Miss House Boston
Nov. 30 1855

Rev C. Hotchkin
Choctaws. — Dear Bro.

The Com^ee have approved the estimates for your new station; & have allowed you $500 with $100 for Ann.

Why not give us some account of your new home? What is its name? How shall we call the station? What encouragement have you? Tell us all about matters, that we may have wherewith to answer any questions that may be asked.

I see Mrs H's niece occasionally Mrs Graves. She & hers are well.

Please to present my affectionate regards to Mrs H & Ann

Fraternally Yours
S.B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Nov. 30 1855

Rev. O. P. Stark
Choctaws. — Dear Bro.

The Comm.ee have allowed your station $700, $100 being for repairs, according to the estimates; also $300 for freight. We took no action in Mr Field's case. I hope we shall find the way clear to allow him $100, as I esteem very highly; but he will not wish us to expose ourselves to an onset for his sake, I am sure. But I will say no more just now.

I am to edit the Journal of Missions, if I can. If so, I shall not be able to do much for the Indian missions. Mr Wood will help perhaps
Our kind regards to Mrs S. Yours in S.B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Nov 30. 1855

Rev. C. Kingsbury
Pine Ridge

Dear Bro.

The Comee have approved the estimates for your station; & appropriations have been made accordingly.

We have heard nothing from your Council. I sincerely hope that there are no evil tidings to come. The Cherokee Council have made us no trouble, I believe, thanks to Mr. Ross. I have just heard from Mr. Worcester.

Mr Anderson does not return for two months. I edit the Journal now & am very busy. Kind regards to all. Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Nov 30. 1855.

Rev. S. A. Worcester
Cherokee —

Dear Brother

Your letters of [illegible] have received, the latter [illegible] this morning. I rejoice that you have got by [illegible] so well. If the Choctaw Council shall [illegible] trouble, I [illegible] chance for peace. [illegible] to hear from [illegible]. In this part of the world, there is [illegible] quiet on the subject of our [illegible] know what to [illegible] we are adding [illegible] your charge [illegible] number be greatly increased [illegible] Mr Butler's removal to [illegible] suppose, [illegible] about two [illegible] Mr Thompson is already at home. [illegible]; hence [illegible] a economy of letter writing, I presume. [illegible] estimates of your station have been approved, & appropriations are made accordingly. But we have the prospect of a large debt. Help us, if you can. Kind regards to the [illegible]

Truly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Nov 30. 1855.

Rev. S. A. Worcester
Cherokees. —

Dear Brother

Your letters of Oct 24 & Nov. 8 have received; the latter came to hand this morning. I rejoice that you have got by the Council so well. If the Choctaw Council shall make no trouble, I think we shall have a fair chance for peace. I am waiting with some solicitude to hear from Doaksville. In this part of the world, there is a marvellous quiet on the subject of our relations to slavery. We hardly know what to make of it.

I am glad to learn that you are adding a few to your churches; may the number be greatly increased! Mr Butler's removal to Van Buren has taken me by surprise.

Mr Anderson returns in about two months. Mr Thompson is already at home. I am to edit the Journal of Missions; hence you will not expect any great amount of letter writing, I presume.

The estimates for your station have been approved, & appropriations are made accordingly. But we have the prospect of a large debt. Help us, if you can. Kind regards to Mrs W.

Truly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Nov 30 1855

Rev T. E. Ranney
Cherokees — Dear Bro.

The estimates for your Station are approved, & you are authorized to draw for $1050, if necessary. We hope, however, that you will not find the entire sum needful, as we are threatened with a heavy debt. The prospect is dark.

Miss Hancock, I presume, is with you, or near you, by this time. I hope she will prove a true helper. Have not had the pleasure of knowing her personally; Mr Pomeroy has a good opinion of her. Kind regards to her & Mrs R.

Fraternally yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Nov. 30. 1855.

Rev. W. Willey,
Cherokee— Dear Bro.

The Comm^ee^ have approved the estimates for Dwight, & allowed $925 for the expenses of 1856. As we are much in debt, however, we shall esteem it a favor if you can fall below that sum. Our receipts do not look well thus far.

I think it likely that the Comm^ee^ will address a letter to the missions soon, asking as much economy in expenditures as is practicable.

Kind regards to Mrs W.

Fraternally yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Nov 30 1855.

Rev. T. S. Williamson
Dakotas, — Dear Bro.

Your favor of Oct. 24. I have read with interest, though not with as much pleasure as I could have wished. I had looked for a "brighter day" about this time. But it is the Lord's work, & he grants us what seemeth him good. Let us watch & pray.

Your estimates are approved. If you can lessen your expenses in any respect, we shall esteem it a favor. Our Treasurer is not much encouraged by the receipts thus far.

Kind regards to Mrs W. Miss W. & all with you. Truly yours S B Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Nov 30, 1855

Mr James Orr
Cherokees. — Dear Bro.

The estimates for Fairfield are approved; & you are allowed to draw at the rate of $900 year till Dr. P. arrives. In regard to repairs I have written you. The cost of what may be needed, will make a separate item.

I have not heard from Dr. P. lately. I suppose he will proceed to F. in the Spring. He will doubtless keep you apprised of his plans through his nephew.

Kind respects to Mrs O & Mr W.

Very truly yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Nov. 30. 1855.

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Dakotas. — Dear Bro.

Yours of Oct
16, I have received. Your estimates
are approved; & if necessary, you
can expend accordingly. Still we
should esteem it a favor, if
you can get along with less. The
prospect is dark for our treasury.

The Com^ee have allowed $134
for the loss by the steamboat dis-
aster. Mr Tracy writes me that he
has failed to get a teacher for you.
This I regret. Hope, however, that
Providence will provide for you
in some way. Next year we can
try again. Kind regards to Mrs.
R & children. Truly yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Bost.
Dec. 1. 1855.

Rev S. R. Riggs
Dakotas. — Dear Bro

With mine of yesterday, I will send another line. Is there any objection, in your mind, to our receiving aid from the U. S. Govt in supporting your boarding school? Suppose we ask for aid (not you) & get it; do you see any difficulty?

If not, what is the best way? What say you of this plan? The Govt allows $50 per scholar for 10 or 15 pupils. This is the whole story. You report, as you know, perhaps a little more fully in regard to the school. Perhaps the Comr will do something for us. Yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Dec 1. 1855

Rev H. A. Bray
Cincinnati, Ohio. Dear Bro.

I cannot reply to yours of Nov. 28 with confidence. I think, however, Mr Riggs will need a teacher next spring. I wish you would open a correspondence with him on the subject. My views in full or more. I mean here the Journal of Missions.

Mr Riggs' address is, Rev S. R. Riggs, Pajutazee, Minnesota Territory.

In haste,
Most truly
Yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

Dec. 1. 1855.

Rev J. Edwards

Philad. Pa

Dear Bro.

I wrote to you yesterday in regard to appropriating additions, "[illegible]". Our Clerk has just handed me yours of Nov 5. with the answer that the Bible you speak of can't be had here. A book-firm promised to write to New York & learn what they could; & the result is nothing but delay. I am sorry that it is so, for I fear that you may have left on your return.

Kind regards to Mrs E.

Truly yrs

S B Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Dec. 3. 1855.

John Tawse Esq
Edinburgh.

Dear Sir.

I send herewith three letters from Mr. Wright. I had supposed that his report had gone forward in the summer, till it came to-day. I regret the delay. Mr. W. is far from being an idle man; & during the last year he has been particularly busy; & I think he has never been more useful. A part of his time he has devoted to preaching, a part to the translation of the Bible into Seneca, which the people rejoice in very much, & a part to the Orphan Asylum. The commencement of this institution under Christian auspices, so very desirable, is owing mainly to his efforts. The bill for £ 25 on your Treasurer will go out with these letters.

Mr Wright has taken the liberty to write to you in respect to an endowment for the Orphan Asylum, & given me the power of withholding the letter. I trust you will pardon me, if I decide not to do so. I can hardly suppose that this subject will appear to Christians in Scotland as it does to him; & yet I do not wish to assume the responsibility of keeping back his statement.

We are doing a good deal for the Senecas, & must continue to do so hereafter. We shall probably render some aid to the Asylum; but we cannot endow it. My impression in regard to the importance of this measure will be inferred from the fact, that I have urged my father, a man of moderate property, to give $1000 thereto. With these remarks, I forward the letter.

I send herewith our annual report for 1855.

Most respectfully
Your obed^t.
Servant,
S. B. Treat
Sec. of the A. B. C. F. M.

Mis. House Boston
Dec. 3. 1855.

Rev Geo. W. Wood
Sec'y — Dear Bro.

I send two letters of Mr. Wright. I think you [illegible] with them to get from the Bible House exactly what you can. They ought to pay all that he says. If we support Mr. W., & pay him for the work of translation, we do our part.

The matter of expenses for 1856 you can talk over with him. What he says about Parker ought perhaps to be duly weighed, at least if you have nothing decisive on the other side. Perhaps you had better go to Potter's [illegible] as Mr. W. may not be back in two weeks. Think of this.

S. B. Treat

Mis. House Boston
Dec. 5th 1855.

Rev S. A. Worcester
Cherokee Mission

Dear Brother

Your letter of Nov. 3 I have rec'd and I must confess [illegible] and to Dr. [illegible]; & I am [illegible] experiment, [illegible] agency, [illegible] beyond. But [illegible] missionary [illegible] course [illegible] have the op[illegible]; & we should [illegible] tell Dr. B. [illegible] But in view of your views, I do [illegible] the Com. have [illegible] connection [illegible] pray the Lord to bless & [illegible] your future labors!

In great haste,

Fraternally Yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Dec. 5, 1855.

Rev. H. A. Wentz,
Cherokee Mission.

Dear Brother

Your letter of Nov. 3 I have received. I must confess that I am more hopeful in regard to Dr. Palmer's labors at F. than the mission; & I am willing to await the results of the experiment.

When I spoke of the Choctaw agency, I meant the "agency" just beyond Fort Coffee. They want a teacher & missionary there. I had no reference to Doaksville.

Your letter leaves us but one course to pursue. We should be glad to have the experiment of itinerating fairly tried; & we should be glad to have you stay at F. till Dr. P. arrives. But in view of your wishes, so clearly & decidedly expressed, the Comee have voted to release you from your connection with the Board. And we pray the Lord to bless & assist you in all your future labors!

In great haste,

Fraternally yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 7, 1855.

Rev G. W. Wood
New York. Dear Bro

I thank you for yesterday's note. I send two letters that I have just received, that you may know all that I have to communicate.

Dr Anderson wrote from Aleppo to Mrs A. that he did not expect to be at Const^e before Nov 20. All Jan. must be allowed him.

Yours &c

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Dec. 20. 1855

Rev. E. Butler. M.D.
Van Buren. Ark.

Dear Brother

Yours of Nov. 7 I have received, & given directions in accordance with your request. I was surprised to hear of your removal. I fear the seminary will not prosper by the loss. I pray the Lord to bless you & Mrs. B. wheresoever you may be!

This is a world of change. Dr. Anderson is coming home to run the gauntlet. The Choctaw question is not at rest. In fact, there is no rest in this world. Thank God, there is one with him. Kindest regards to Mrs. B.

Fraternally yours. S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Dec. 20. 1855.

Miss Sarah Ker.
Wheelock Ch. Na.

Dear Miss Ker.

Yours of Nov. 13 I have duly received & laid before the Com^ee. They release you from your relation to the Board, in accordance with your wish as therein expressed. It gives us much pleasure to say that we have none but agreeable remembrances of your long connection with us; & wherever you go, you will take with you our earnest desire & prayer that the Lord will bless you according to his holy will. Affectionate regards to Mrs. Wright. Truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Dec. 20. 1855

Mr. C. Pulsifer
Naperville, Ill.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 11th I have duly received; & it has been laid before the Comee. We regret the trial which has come upon you; & we pray the Lord to remove it in his own good time. This, we doubt not, he will do; or he will give you something better instead of the deliverance. Paul was not freed from the thorn in the flesh; but the Lord did far more for him than to take it away.

Upon the facts which you present, we see not how to resist the conclusion to which you come. Hence the Comee have voted your release in accordance with your request. And it is our earnest prayer that God will bless you in all your future course. Though you are not one of us in form, I doubt not your heart will be with us. Mrs P. is also released. Please to assure her of my affectionate regard.

As you asked no pecuniary grant, we have made none. But should you need some assistance hereafter, let us know it. We shall not forget you. I presume you will write to Mr Wheeler, & give him the necessary information in respect to the articles which you left. Very truly yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms Boston
Dec 22 1855

Rev. J. Potter
Seneca. Dear Bro.

I have just recd yours of the 17th. I must ask the consent of the Comee to the grant of which you speak; & that cannot be obtained till next Tuesday, the 25th. But I have no doubt but they will make it. You can act accordingly, therefore, till you hear from me.

In great haste
Y. truly
S B Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Dec. 26. 1855.

Rev J. Potter
Seneca. — Dear Bro.

Yesterday was a stormy Christmas, & our Comee did not meet. This is a very rare event. As you may expect to hear from me in regard to the request in yours of Dec. 19. I will say, You may act on the presumption of its being granted. I will stand between you & harm.

I have just heard from Br. Wood. His report, so far as you are concerned, is all that I could wish; though he has not gone into details. He recommends the hiring of Jameson. You may do so, as soon as you please. May the Lord bless his labors. Kind regards to all.

Truly yrs. S B Treat

Mis. House. Boston
Jan. 4. 1856

Rev. A. Gleason
Seneca — Dear Brother

Your letters of Dec. 8 & 24 I have rec^d. A part of the former I have sent out in the Extra Journal for the current. The latter suggests a question. Can't you write a short letter, showing how the Indians came forward & took the Journal & Dayspring? I will then publish it in the Journal & stir up others. Let it come soon.

I am glad to hear so good account from Deacon Jimeson. Give my Christian love to him & self. I have not seen Mr Wood; but I know he was much pleased with his visit. Kind regards to all. Yours S B Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 4. 1856.

Rev. A. Wright,
Seneca— Dear Brother

Yours of Jan. 1 I have just rec^d. I am sorry that Bro. Wood failed to see you. I requested him to go to Cattaraugus as late as he well could, that you might have time to return. I hope we shall have no further trouble from the Allegany brethren, after sending a Sec. to right matters. One visit should be enough.

I wrote to you Oct. 3 in regard to going to Albany. I cannot leave without difficulty as I have the Journal to care for. My first wish is to relieve our treasury from the school expenditure of $ 2000 or more. It ought not to come upon us; & I think some change will be necessary before long. Why cannot something be done for boarding schools on the plan of your Orphan Asylum; i.e. the government being neither in a missionary society nor the Indian nation, but those being Trustees? And why will not the State, the U. S. & the Senecas support such schools? The more I think of the matter, the less am I disposed to think it best for us to direct the schools. There would be embarrassment & probably conflict in the end. We do not like any partnership in our operations. The Choctaw schools have taught us some lessons.

Let me hear from you.

Kind regards to all. Yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
Jan. 9. 1856.

Rev. G. Rockwood
Tuscarora. —

Dear Brother

I have just received a letter from our old friend Miss Thayer, now Mrs. Jones; & I find that she & her husband would be willing to be connected with Miss Peck's boarding school. Mr Jones, she says, is a thorough-bred farmer, but has acted as steward at Wapanucka, attending to the kitchen, dining-hall, & providing for the tables. He understands the work of such an establishment in & about these things. Now I write to see whether you think it best to consider the matter at all. I suppose you are provided for from your distance. If not, would such an arrangement be wise? would it not increase the expense materially? Other points will occur to you & Miss Peck. Let me hear soon.

Miss Wise is at my house for a few hours. She would be willing to help you. Do you want her?

I shall be happy to hear how you are getting along at the station & at the Home.

Kind regards to Mrs R. & Miss P. &c

Truly yours
S. B. Treat

I hoped that Mr. Wood would visit you; but he lost time beyond you

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 12 1856

Rev. W. Willey
Cherokees. —

Dear Brother

Yours of the 8th Dec. I have received. I am sorry to hear of Mrs. W's illness; I trust she is fully restored by this time. May the Lord be pleased to make this & every such trial a messenger of his love to her soul. It is good to be afflicted, if we learn his statutes.

What you say in regard to a more vigorous prosecution of your work among the Cherokees I have read. Perhaps you do not sufficiently consider that we have just such arguments & pleas from almost every mission. With us the question is, "Where can we locate the few men whom we have to the best advantage?"

You wonder that I should have made such a mistake in the statistics for Dwight, in the Annual Report. I read the sentence with surprise & supposed I had made a blunder; but I have looked up your report, & I find that the mistake is yours, not mine. I gave the statistics precially as you gave them to me. I am sure that I am glad to make out as good a table as the facts will warrant.

Mr Gordon has written to you, I believe, in relation to sundry matters; & I have no occasion to refer to them.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. Wr. & Miss Swain.

Very sincerely
Yrs
S. B. Treat.

I write just to say that I have received yours of Jan. 4. & have read it with pleasure & hope that the Lord will add his blessing to your return & may you be useful for the Senecas. I earnestly hope that the other sects have about finished their work & that you will have a time of peace & prosperity. God grant, for his dear Son's sake, that it may be so.

Very truly yours
S B Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan 12. 1856

Miss S. M. Wellman
Randolph N.Y.

Dear Miss W.

I write a few lines just to say that I have received yours of Jan. 4. & have read it with pleasure. I pray that the Lord will add his blessing to your return & may you do much for the Senecas. I sincerely hope that the other sects have about finished their work & that you will have a time of peace & prosperity. God grant, for his dear Son's sake, that it may be so

Very truly yours
Geo Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 12. 1858.

Rev. S. A. Worcester
Cherokees—

Dear Brother.

I do not see that much will be gained by a fuller discussion of the Torrey–Palmer question; & yet I will add a few words. The argument lay in my mind after this sort. 1. Mr T. prefers to go to the Choctaws; 2. The Fairfield people prefer Dr. P. to any one else; 3. We have no one else to send. Then Dr. P. can try self-support better at F. than any where else. 1. There is a station, with land, &c. ready for his use. 2. There is a people that like him, and will be more inclined to assist him than a new congregation. As to his wife. I supposed the case would stand as well at F. as elsewhere; so I have been told. Our supplementing her salary does not make her any more an assistant missionary. As to our finances, it is better to have Dr P. take F. than to build a house &c in some other place. Suppose he dies 5 or 10 years hence. Can we not take the place again as well as if another were to die? I can hardly suppose that a new Law of Comity would be necessary, even without the supplement. That never occurred to me.

If I have seemed to reflect upon the integrity & fairness of the mission in what I have written, let me say that every such thing was far from my thoughts. I have seen so much of missionary correspondence, however, that I must believe that good men express themselves differently at different times in regard to their fields; & you may say, if you please, that Secretaries are in the same condemnation; for it is true. It is a common infirmity, growing out of our common characteristics. I have a distinct remembrance of a letter which the mission sent me upon the obstacles to your success among the Cherokees. It may have made a deeper impression than you intended; this is quite possible. Other things may have had the same effect; but after all I cannot see that it is strange that I should have felt as I have felt.

I send herewith a copy of the letter which you sent respecting a new station. The fact that the Methodists would claim the ground as theirs, is a very strong objection. The question of "non interference" is one that is constantly arresting our attention. We are often obliged to place ourselves upon this ground, in order that we may keep others out of our field. How can we then seem to depart from it in the case which you mention? We have kept the Northern Methodists out of our Armenian field, the best in the world, by this plea. We must be careful, therefore, that we do not falsify that plea. With all our caution & candor it is hard to get along with the Baptists & Methodists. They have been doing the devil's work among the Senecas most unquestionably, within the last three or four years.

But I have said enough. I will not even refer to Mr. Willey's flattering statements, though I supposed the reader to demur to his *couleur de rose* account of the Cherokees generally, as well as particular facts. You think we have erred in judgment; we think not. You have a perfect right to such an opinion; & you have expressed it with all propriety. It may appear at some time that you are correct. We have made other mistakes; & I fear we have some in store for our future experience. Nothing has so impressed me with the imperfection of poor human nature as what I have seen in the missionary work. Wonderful is the patience of God! And it is a blessed privilege to ask the aid of his wisdom. Would that we could do it with a stronger faith!

Mr. Anderson is already due, having left England, we suppose, Oct. 29. I shall be glad of your help for the Dayspring. And I thank you for those items in regard to slavery. Wright troubles me. What shall be done for it? Is it true that Mr Hitchcock might have sold it for $2500?

Affectionate regards to Mrs W. & the children.

As ever, most sincerely

yours

S. B. Treat

the 6th Nov. [illegible] arrived. We are glad to hear of your safe arrival among your own people. May the Lord make you a rich blessing to them!

Mr Byington informs me that you have gone to form a strong Academy to teach for the freedmen. In whatever situation you may be, I trust your chief aim will be to glorify God. Let me hear from you.

Very truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 12. 1856.

Rev A. Wright
Choctaws

Dear Brother

Yours of the 26th Nov. have duly received. I am glad to hear of your safe arrival among your own people. May the Lord make you rich blessing to them!

Mr Byington informs me that you have gone to Armstrong Academy to teach for the present. In whatever situation you may be, I trust your chief aim will be glorify God. Let me hear from you.

Very truly yrs
Geo. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan 12th 1856

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Dakotas.

Dear Brother

Your letters of Oct. 30 & Nov. 14 I have read with the deep interest, as I do whatever comes from Dakota land. Those cattle-killers! They are a bad set. But God has long patience with wicked men; & so must we have.

You need not be troubled about the education question, so far as you are concerned. Our Indian missions stand upon a different footing from all others. The red race must have an English education sooner or later, or perish from the earth. We have no doubt as to the utility of boarding schools, in which English is taught, for the aborigines of this country.

Dr. Anderson is due in New York, having sailed Dec. 29, we suppose. He has a storm to face. The special meeting is to be held at Albany; the time not settled as yet.

The Choctaw question, all things considered, was as well disposed of as could be expected. The letter of June 22 is not abandoned. On the other hand, we regard the platform assented to by the missionaries as containing all the main principles of that letter. The public is generally satisfied with the disposition made of this matter. If we can only keep things as they are, we may hope for peace.

Mr Wood continues to act for us. If you shall need a teacher next summer, I hope you will write to Mr Tracy, stating just what you want, giving all needful directions as to the journey, &c &c. He can attend to the matter as well as we can, at less expense, if not better.

I fear you will not get rid of me so easily as I supposed you would. I have the publications; but the Com^ee decline taking the Indian missions from me at present. Dr Anderson will have his hands full for a while, that is quite clear.

Affectionate regards to Mrs K. & all

Fraternally &c

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan 12 1856

Rev C Kingsbury
Choctaws — Dear Brother

I ought perhaps to acknowledge yours of Nov. 28 with the letter of the four brethren dated Nov. 13. I have said nothing in reply, because I have not known just what to say. The matter is before the Comee. This much only may I say now, "We are sorry you think of a withdrawal." I presume the Comee will ask you to consider the matter again. But you will hear from me again in a few days. Kind regards to Mrs K & all. Affectionately yrs. S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 12. 1856.

Mr J. H. Chamberlain
Choctaws. Dear Brother

I have your letters of Nov 15 & 25. I might say many things in reply. I am greatly surprised by the letter of the four brethren. It is now under consideration by the Comee. I think I shall be directed to ask Mrs K & the others to consider the question again; & see if they cannot remain on the Good water platform. Sec. Wilson, of the Presbyterian Board, will advise to this course. So will others. We shall see.

Kind regards to Mrs C & all
Very truly Yrs S B Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 12, 1856

Rev. C. Byington
Choctaws —

Dear Brother

I have yours of Nov. 29th before me. I thank you for the information which you give me in regard to Allen Wright. I trust the brethren will try to make him as serviceable to the cause of Christ among the Choctaws as practicable. His knowledge of the language is a talent of great value.

I have received the letter signed by yourself & three others with respect. I did hope that after Mr Wood's visit we might have a peaceful cooperation, till the work of the Board among the Choctaws shall be done. And I am not in despair now. The subject is before the Com^ee & I shall probably write by their direction in a few days. Bro. Wood feels hit & hurt by some expressions which you have used. But we shall know more soon.

Kindest regards to Mrs. B.

Affectionately
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 12. 1856

Rev C. C. Torrey
Choctaws — Dear Bro.

You will have arrived at Wheelock before this reaches you; & you will be surprised of some things you will learn. We are surprised also. "What is to be done?" You will say. Wait patiently, & let us see. I think the brethren may possibly relinquish their idea of leaving us. Mr Wilson has written to them to abide with us (He is Sec of the Old School Board's missions) So others will write. I say then "Wait patiently." We will see what the future reveals. Kind regards to Mrs T. Fraternally yrs S B Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Jan. 23. 1856.

Rev. C. Butler M.D.
Van Buren Arks.

Dear Brother

Mr Hill placed in my hands, two or three days ago, your letter of Dec. 24. I read it with much interest; & I thought that the Com^ee should hear it, & also make some expression of their regard for you & yours. Accordingly, I read the letter to them yesterday, & they resolved to grant you $200 to enable you to complete the education of your daughter at Cherry Valley & pay her expenses to Van Buren. They have instructed me to make you up a box of books, partly by donation (probably), & partly by purchase. You are at liberty, therefore, to draw on Mr Gordon or Mr Merrin for $200; & you may expect some books in due time. I hope the river will be up, so that you can get them without too much delay. Precisely what your library will consist of, I cannot now say. It will have some good books, you may be sure.

When our correspondence closed some

time since in regard to a retiring allowance. I supposed the question would come up at a future day. You have said nothing on the subject, in your letter still. We take pleasure, however, in volunteering this expression of our regard. And we do not mean hereby to shut down the gate against any further allowance. You can count confidently upon our Christian love; & whatever, at any future time, it may seem proper for the Com^{tee} to do they will be most happy in doing.

I shall take a personal interest in your labors at Van Buren; & it will give me great pleasure at any time to hear from you.

Please to assure Mrs. B. of my affectionate respects.

As ever most
loving yrs

S. B. Treat

P. S. Your letter to the Cherokees I intend to publish in the Journal, which I now edit, in addition to my other duties.

Boston
Jan. 23 1856

Rev. J. Potter
Seneca.

Dear Bro:

Yours of Jan 2. is before me. I fear that I have done injustice to our Comee in your mind. The Christmas meeting lapsed through no fault of theirs. Mr Pomroy & Mrs Gordon wished to go out of town. I had only your item of business, as it happened. In these circumstances, I thought it proper to let the Comee spend the stormy P.M. at home. Bro failed to get my notice & came, as all would have done, I presume, without the notice. They are remarkably prompt & regular in their attendance. If any one is ever absent we know that there is a special reason.

Bro. J.M. Wood has reported to me all matters at the Comee meet. The difficulty did not become a Comee question; & they have taken no cognizance of it. I need not say that I rejoice in the issue. It is very much as I expected; though I was hardly prepared to find the Heath so clearly in the wrong. I thought there might be some explanation that would leave all parties without serious faults. I have not gone into the matter for want of time & taste therefor. But the little that I do know in regard to B. F. Hall has greatly surprised me. But I hope the whole affair will die, & that a right spirit will pervade all concerned. As God bears so much from us, we can afford to bear something from each other. Striving to prove ourselves to be his children.

The Comee have sanctioned your estimates for 1856.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. P. & all with you.

Fraternally yours,

S. B. Treat

P. S. Our Special meeting is to be held at Albany, March 4. 7 P.M. All will come out right.

Miss. House, Boston
Jan 23. 1856

Rev. A. Wright
Seneca. — Dear Bro.

I have nothing more to suggest in regard to the action of the legislature in the matter of the boarding schools. Any system that works well, (which does not require our co-operation,) will suit me. What that must be, you & your friends (Indians & whites) can tell better than I can. I still think it much better for us to have no responsibility for the management of the schools. We are likely to have our hands full, & especially with all the publications.

The "Special meeting" is to be held at Albany March 4.

I presume you will be there at that time, then may confer in reference to matters that demand attention. Mr Anderson has no fear of the Special meeting.

Your estimates for 1856 are sanctioned.

Fraternally

Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 23. 1856.

Mr B. F. Hall
Seneca. --

Dear Brother

Your last I duly received, & I am glad to hear that the matter between you & Mr Potter is adjusted. May the God of mercies enable you both to be faithful even to the end!

The Com^ee have sanctioned your estimates for 1856, in the hope, however, that you will keep your expenses as low as may be.

Mr Anderson has returned, & the special meeting will be at Albany March 4. He has no fears. Kind regards to all. Truly yours &c

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Jan. 23. 1856.

Rev. G. Rockwood
Tuscarora —

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Some of the [illegible] presents [illegible] [illegible] in effect [illegible] a few words.

1. [illegible] parents [illegible]

[illegible]

3. Your estimates [illegible] are sanctioned [illegible] if these are allowed, you can leave the [illegible] house expenditure in the last year's accounts.

4. Your reply in respect to Mr & Mrs Jones is quite satisfactory. It is what I expected.

Miss. House, Boston
Jan. 23. 1856.

Rev. G. Rockwood
Tuscarora —

Dear Brother.

Yours of the 15th presents several topics on which you will expect me to say a few words.

1. Can any thing be done to induce parents who are able to support their children at the School to do so? Is any action on our part expedient? We ought to be relieved by such in part at least.

2. I laid the matter of your arrearages before the Comee yesterday; & though your course is not exactly in accordance with their notions as business men, they authorize the Treasurer to close the last year's account with you in accordance with your statement. As our operations are very large, it is very desirable that "money matters" should be managed with economy & accuracy. If conducted in any other way, we may find ourselves in unexpected difficulties. I presume you have not failed in economy.

3 Your estimates for 1856 are sanctioned. $1250 are allowed, & you can leave the wood-house expenditure in the last year's account.

4. Your reply in respect to Mr & Mrs Jones is quite satisfactory. It is what I expected.

Miss. [illegible] Boston
Jan 23. 1856

Mrs. M. J. F. Jones.

[illegible]

I hardly know what to say in regard to Mr [illegible]'s interpreting. We are willing to pay for week day labor; but Sabbath interpreting is a different matter. We think that Ch[illegible] members ought to interpret for nothing on the Lord's day. The question seems to me to have some delicacy & shyness as it relates to Mr. Mc[illegible] I should be glad to have you talk with [illegible] on this subject. I have great confidence that he desires to do what is right; perhaps he will see the matter as we do.

Kind regards to Miss [illegible]

Fraternally Yr

S. B. Treat

[illegible] must be considerably increased; [illegible] near the station, [illegible] suitable for such purposes.

It is true that Miss Smith has left; but she has not gone to Turkey. She may return to [illegible] Mahe. Her place is filled for the present; & while another [illegible] is looked [illegible] will join Miss [illegible] to fill your place. On the whole I cannot say that we have a vacant position for your husband & yourself. I rejoice that God has given you a disposition to do his will, whenever he may call you to labor.

Miss. House, Boston
Jan. 23. 1856

Mrs. M. J. F. Jones,
Honey Grove,
Fannin Co. Texas

Dear Madam

Your favor of Dec. 3 I duly received; & I hardly need assure you that I read it with interest. I immediately wrote to Mr. Rockwood for information that would enable me to judge whether we had a place at Mt. Hope which you & your husband could profitably fill. I have just obtained an answer; & I must say that the difficulties seem to me insuperable. Mr R. would be greatly relieved by a layman who could take charge of the school; but I think the expense must be considerably increased; & there seems to be a want of land, which is near the station, & yet suitable for such purposes.

It is true that Miss Britto has left; but she has not gone to Turkey, & she may return to Mt. Hope. Her place is filled for the present; & still another, it is hoped, will join Miss Peck, to fill your place. On the whole I cannot say that we have a vacant position for your husband & yourself. I rejoice that God has given you a disposition to do his will, wherever he may call you to labor.

From Mr. Rockwood's letter I infer that the school is getting along pleasantly, the number of pupils being 15. I hope it will yet do much for the Tuscaroras.

Please to assure Mr. J. of my interest in him for your sake, & believe me

Most sincerely

Yrs

S. B. Treat

Mission House Boston

Seneca —

Dear Bro.

I thank you for yours of Jan 7. You will find [illegible] of it in the Journal. I read it to the Comm. & they rejoice greatly in the liberality of the Seneca brethren. May the Lord reward them a hundred fold!

I was serious in urging my father to give the bell. He is with my sister now. I will see what I can do. I doubt whether he will give it; but some one else may.

Your estimates are sanctioned, save that we struck off $25 from the allowance for [illegible], as you requested. Kind regards to Mrs. Wright. Fraternally &c

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 23. 1856.

Rev. A. Gleason
Seneca. – Dear Bro.

I thank you for yours of Jan. 7. You will find a part of it in the Journal. I read it to the Comm^ee & they rejoice greatly in the liberality of the Seneca brethren. May the Lord reward them a hundred fold!

I was serious in urging my father to give the bell. He is with my sister now. I will see what I can do. I doubt whether he will give it; but some one else may.

Your estimates are sanctioned, save that we struck off $25 from the allowance for interpreting, as you mentioned. Kind regards to Mrs. G. & all. Fraternally yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Jan. 23. 1856.

Rev E. Teele
Thetford Vt

Dear Brother

Yours of the 21st I have received with pleasure, as also the donation. Many thanks. In regard to Cherokee matters, I may say that

1. The Council did not pass a law affecting the missions unfavorably. It went through the Council, but Jno Ross vetoed it.
2. Mr & Mrs Orr will leave Fairfield in the Spring, I suppose. Mr Wentz has gone already, I presume, to the Creeks. Mr Palmer expects to go to Fairfield in the spring.
3. I do not know that Mr. Willey intends to leave Dwight. I do not know where else he can go.
4. I suppose the Comee will maintain the mission in its present force. We cannot get leave to commence new stations. We have leave for one; but I do not see sufficient encouragement for commencing operations there, as compared with the rest of the world.

The mission have written a letter which

takes a more hopeful view of the prospects of religion in the nation than I had expected. They are somewhat stirred up by Mr Torrey's going to the Choctaws.

I have given directions to have the Journal sent to you.

Affectionate regards to Mrs T. & Mrs Frost.

Very truly
yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 24. 1856.

Rev. M. Palmer M.D.
Fitchville Ohio. Dear Bro.

I have recd a letter from the Indian territory, in which a doubt is expressed whether you will go to Fairfield in the spring. If there is a question as to this matter, it is desirable for us to know. Mr Wentz is dismissed; but Mr Torrey, now at Fairfield, can be kept there, I presume, though destined to the Choctaws, where he is wanted "with desire" by some of the people.

Let me hear from you as soon as may be.

Truly Yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Jan. 24, 1856.

Rev. C. C. Torrey
Fairfield Cher. Na.

Dear Brother

Yours from Lenox (without date) I have just received. I supposed that you would be greatly surprised & perplexed by the course of the "four"; & the same is true in part of us. But I think we see "light ahead", or something which seems to be light.

I do not think the "four" brethren will leave us at present. Sec. Wilson (of the Presby'n Board) has written to them to remain with us on the "Good Water basis". Mr A. L. Smith has written to Mr Stark (whose Church Mr Stark belonged to in N. Y.) to the same effect. We shall probably send them a letter next week, asking them to reconsider the question. This, on the whole, seems the best course in the circumstances, as I could probably show you, if we had an hour's talk together. It must be however, on the Good Water basis; nothing below that will answer.

Now for your plans. I sympathize with you in this trial. But it is of the Lord, & not by your fault; hence you may hope for light & help & guidance. Possibly he would keep you at F. I have written Bro. P. wishing to "know the certainty" of his going there or not. If he says, "I am expecting to go, & am making my calculations accordingly", that will be an important fact. If he says the contrary, the same will be true. This is the first step. On the other hand, the course to be pursued by the "four" has a bearing on your plans. If they conclude to remain with the Board, one reason for your going to the Cherokees will be taken away.

Now it *may* appear 1. that Mr R. wishes to go to F. 2 that the "four" abide with us. 3 that the Yazoo people will be greatly & unhappily disappointed, if you do not repair to that station. & 4 that all the Choctaw mission desire your cooperation *very* much. This would present a strong case; & yet it may prove to be just *the* case.

What shall you do? I would say, "wait patiently." This seems to be the Lord's will. We shall have light before long. Perhaps you had better remain at Fairfield till spring. Let me suggest, however, that you attend the Choctaw mission meeting in the spring, leaving your wife at F. or not as you please. You will then have all the elements of a correct judgment. It is well for you to see the Choctaw brethren & their work.

What shall you say to the Fairfield people? Tell them that the Sec. wishes you to stay there a few weeks, & do good as you have opportunity, getting acquainted with the mission. What shall you say to the Yazoo people? Much the same thing, if you think best. I would not send the enclosed letter now. *Keep uncommitted all around.*

We have our special meeting March 4, at Albany. Mr. Anderson has no fears.

Affectionate regards to Mrs T. Very truly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
Jan. 26. 1856

Rev. A. Wright
Allegany. N.Y. Dear Bro.

Your letter of Nov 22 Mr. Wood has just returned to me; & on reading it, I am not sure that we have met your wishes in the matter of repairs &c. We have allowed the $100 for mission house & repairs. Is it that all that you intended to ask? If not, please to let me know just what is needed.

Fraternally
Yrs
S B Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Jan. 26. 1856

Rev. A. Gleason
Seneca M. –

Dear Bro.

Since my last I have discovered that I put the allowance for "native assistants" too low. It should be $100, not $75, the former being the same you mentioned to me.

I have just rec'd the letter of the chh. Please to express my thanks for it; & may the Head of the Church add his blessing! Long be seen the Cattaraugus chh. a model to the world. How much may those brethren do for the honor of Christ!

Christian greetings to all.

Truly yours
S B Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Jan. 25. 1856.

Mr B. F. Hall
Seneca — Dear Brother

Yours of Jan. 18 I have just received. Mine of Jan. 23 you will have received, before this reaches you, to dispel your anxieties. The estimates of your mission were not acted upon till last Tuesday (22d) owing to various hindrances.

In regard to economy, I hope you will not push it too far. It is better to reduce the no. of scholars than to disregard health or comfort. This we have found by experience.

Christian greetings to Mrs H. & others.

Fraternally yours

Is West Randolph your P.O. now?

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Jan. 30. 1856.

Mr. Charles Pulsifer
Naperville, Ill.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 16th I laid before the Comm^ee yesterday. With entire cordiality they have voted you $130 as a retiring allowance. For this amount you can draw on Mr Gordon or Mr Merwin at New York.

I should be glad to get your impressions about the Bad River station. What are its prospects? What is the best plan to pursue? Are any changes needed? If I go there in a few months, what points should be particularly examined? Is there sufficient encouragement to warrant us in adding to our expenditure very much? Any information which you can give me, I shall value.

Please to assure Mrs P. of my continued interest in her, & present her with my Christian salutations.

As ever, very truly
Yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms, Boston
Jan. 31. 1856

To the Dakota Mission:-

Dear Brethren

Your letter of Jan. 3. was laid before our Prud. Comee last Tuesday (29) & duly considered. It took us a little by surprise, though we are glad to find that you are so hopeful & courageous in regard to the future. We did not get quite up to the point of saying "Go ahead": perhaps we shall before long.

The first question with us is one of finances. The receipts for Jany are coming in nobly; but we must not presume too much on one month. We are a good deal in debt; & the experience of the last four months has taught us to be cautious.

In addition to this, I should be glad to see how matters go on for the next four months. The girls' school has not been tried; & the effect of it on the people is not quite clear. I hope much from it; but I would have sight as well as anticipation, if practicable. My connection with these boarding schools has taught me not to be in a hurry. We have erred in two cases probably by beginning prematurely. "Wisdom is profitable", &c

I should also be glad to see the people around you manifesting more desire for your labors, & a higher appreciation of them. Perhaps your plan will hasten the consummation. But I am not sure that a little delay will prove detrimental.

On the whole, the Com^ee think we must wait a little; but they will be perfectly willing to receive another application whenever you may please to make it. If it is not granted, you may be sure we shall not take your importunity amiss.

I should be glad to get your views as to the best mode of cooperating with the Gov^t. Is it or not best that we put up the buildings & have the sole charge of the school, the U. S. paying a certain allowance for so many children? This is simple, intelligible, & so far forth to be approved. On this plan what should be the allowance from the Gov^t? There are some objections to this mode of cooperation, but it may be better than any other. Can you suggest any improvement? These thoughts of mine are not new to Mr Riggs; but I refer to them here, that you may give me the wisdom of the mission in reply.

Affectionate regards to your families.

As ever, most truly yours

Mr Riggs' letter of Dec. 10 is rec^d. S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Jan 31. 1856.

Rev. C. Kingsbury,
" C. Byington,
" E. Hotchkin
" O. P. Stark } Dear Brethren

Your letter of Oct. 13 has received our most thoughtful & anxious consideration. Its advent took us very much by surprise; for we had flattered ourselves that a pleasant & advantageous cooperation, for an indefinite period, was before us. And now that we have looked at the matter in its various bearings, we cannot see any necessity for the step which you propose to take; on the contrary, we can see mighty reasons against it.

In these circumstances the Prud. Com. have felt constrained to adopt the minute which I send herewith. It springs from the kindest feelings towards the Choctaws, towards the mission & towards you personally. You need not be told, I am sure, that there are none of our brethren whom we love & honor more than the little band to which you belong. If it is better for the missionary cause, & more for the honor of the Master, that you should leave us, then we will acquiesce. But we are not sure that it is so. Let us get at the divine will. If we can, then we shall be safe.

I sincerely hope that on a review of this whole subject, Providence will show you that you can continue to abide, as _you are_.

Very respectfully
& affectionately
Yours

S.B. Treat

Confidential

Boston
Feb. 4, 1856

[illegible]

[illegible] you remember my visit to your house in Feb. '48, how kindly you [illegible] me, how pleasantly we rode & talked together, & as we sat with your good wife & chatted [illegible] mutual interest; how we prayed [illegible] for the mission families [illegible] for the work of the Board in all lands, & for [illegible]. The memory of that visit is like a cherished picture, framed & hung up, & to be kept to the end.

Now I am coming up in spirit just as I went in 1848. I know you will receive me as a loving brother. I know Mrs. B. will welcome me to her cheerful fireside. Whatever you may think about my letter of June 22, I know there is a warm place in your heart, & I am going right there. Perhaps some one has said to me, "I don't understand Mr. B. He seems reserved, distant, & at times almost cold." I have replied, "Mr. B. has a gentle & affectionate spirit. No doubt of it." I then describe your reception of me in your log study, on that rainy day, as I dropped in upon you. Often have I brought the tears into the eyes of the listener, just as they are in mine now.

Let us draw up the chairs, one for Mrs. B. & one for each of us. So we sat together in '48

Confidential

Mis. House Boston
Feb. 4. 1856

Rev C. Byington
Choctaws. —

Dear Brother

Do you remember my visit to your house in Feb. '48 how kindly you greeted me; how pleasantly we rode & talked together; how we sat with your good wife, & chatted about topics of mutual interest; how we prayed together for the Choctaws, for the mission families — for *Lucy* especially — for the work of the Board in all lands, & for a lost world? The memory of that visit is like a cherished picture, framed & hung up, & to be kept to the end!

Now I am coming to you in *spirit* just as I went in 1848. I know you will receive me as a loving brother. I know Mrs B. will welcome me to her cheerful fireside. Whatever you may think about my letter of June 22, I know there is a warm place in your heart, & I am *going* right there. Persons have said to me, "I dont understand Mr. B. He seems reserved, distant, at times almost cold." I have replied, "Bro B. has a gentle & affectionate spirit. No doubt of it." I then describe your reception of me in your log study, on that rainy day, as I dropped in upon you. Often have I brought the tears into the eyes of the listener, just as they are in mine now.

Let us draw up the chairs, one for Mrs. B. & one for each of us. So we sat together in '48 this very month! What changes have taken place since that time! And yet how little are we changed! We are alive, with our families! Verily, the Lord has been very gracious unto us. Well may we fall upon our knees, & offer him "the fruit of our lips"! And when we have paid the thanks which are his due, we shall wish to renew our confessions. How little of that deep fervent, abiding love for Christ — such as he has a right to expect in his children — has he seen in us! Oh, Bro B. when we think of the blessed Master, what he has done for us, & what he will do for us, we must blush & be ashamed — utterly ashamed! Pray turn to Ezek. 36: 25-31. as I have done. It is good to be placed where v. 31 puts us. But I must not stop to record the thoughts of this hour. If I were with you, we would dwell upon such themes for our mutual profit. Let us turn to another subject.

Bro. B. I want to talk with you a little while, as brother with brother. Just forget that I am Secretary T. at the Miss. House, but look upon me as Bro. T. We are sitting together, the elder & the younger, for a cozy, "confidential" chat. Shall I begin?

"Tell me, Bro. B. How could you bring your mind to ask for a release from the Board?"

"Bro. T. you know that this matter has been our chief burden for 8 weary years. I have felt that I could not bear it any longer. Our attention is diverted from our work. We must have rest."

"I know you have been greatly tried; & so have we. I have often felt that I would give any thing to be rid of this perplexing question. But the Lord has kept us in the furnace for some wise end. You know he does not always deliver men from their trials when they desire it. Let us take just what he lays upon us, knowing that, with his blessing, it will do us good."

"Granted, if it is his will. But I thought the day of release had come." "Why?" "We received Bro. W. in all kindness. He won our hearts by his Christian, sympathizing spirit. We agreed to the Good Water basis, supposing it would bring peace. We did not expect, however, that the matter was to come before the world, just as it has. This has grieved us."

"I have regretted the necessity of having such a communication made to the Board, as was made in Sept. But it seemed to us, & our friends generally, that there was no other way. The N.Y. Observer had put us in such a position that something was thought to be necessary. Could we have kept the matter out of the papers, we should have pursued a different course."

"Was not your letter written before the letting out of the rules?" "Yes, but it was published without my consent or knowledge. You know that I have always been shy of the newspapers."

"However this may have come about, we are placed in a false position." "How?" "We are made in effect to assent to your letter; & you know we have never done this."

"This, I suppose, is the main difficulty. Let us look at it, carefully & kindly. I might argue that you all substantially hold the principles of my letter

You remember our conference at West Roxbury. I made a minute of it at the time. Bro. Stark, at Saratoga Springs, assented to the principles of the letter, as I explained them; & subsequently, when he had read it, he did the same thing again. Bro. W. tells us what our Bro. St. has said. The fact is, I believe, & so do my associates, that if the doctrines of the letter were taken out of it, & stated in a simple formula, you ~~[illegible]~~ would & must receive them. But I will not enlarge here."

"Before you quit this point, Bro. J. let me say that there are some expressions in the letter which have grieved me." "I know it; & I am sorry it is so. But these expressions don't refer to the doctrines of the letter, as I understand. All that has troubled you, might be stricken out, & still the letter would be satisfactory thus. Were it possible, I would gladly take away those things which disturb you. But 'lex scripta manet'; & show us that God's wisdom alone is perfect."

"'Qui haeret in littera, haeret in cortice.' Bro. J. we will not let a little bark separate us. Go on."

"You say that you are made to assent to my letter. How?" "There is the report of Mr Wood's remarks in the Evangelist." "Yes, & there is another statement in the Observer. Let them neutralize each other. You & I have lived long enough to be cautious in regard to newspaper accuracy."

"Dr Bowman's report is certainly a reliable matter." "I grant it. But I am quite sure that you have drawn inferences from that document which the writer & the

& the Com^ee never dreamed of. Dr Beman & [illegible], intended to guard against the very thing which you think he has done. We had spoken to Bro. W & suppose he entered fully into our idea, that you should not be represented as assenting to my letter."

"But look at the language." So say I. "You will see that it is all consistent with this theory. "The great end has been substantially accomplished". Was not that your idea at 'Good Water'? If the Com^ee adopted your basis, did not you expect them to do it, because the "end" was "substantially accomplished"? I am sure you will say, "You are right."

"But Bro. T. it was rather trying to have this whole matter come down upon us like an avalanche."

"I can easily believe it. I feared it would be so. That place to lay the fault on the shoulders of premature publicity. It belongs there. The Com^ee would gladly have kept Bro. Woods' report from the public; but they did not know how to do it. And let me say here, that we all think Bro. W. acted with great prudence during his visit. Your letter seems to bear rather heavily upon him; but perhaps you did not mean as much as it would seem."

"Tell me just what you propose." "The Good Water basis satisfies us. We don't ask you to go one step beyond it. Just keep quietly at your work, & you will have no trouble from us, so long as you adhere to your platform."

"But there is Mr. Field's case. That troubles us." "Hear me a moment, & I will clear it up. The

Presb. Com.ee have not acted in the case at all. My letters to Bro Stark show that nothing was to be done till I should hear from him. 2. The plea which I put in is twofold. (a) We must be sure to have right on our side. Now, while I knew that W. S. had bought a slave, I did not know the extent, & I did not know what he proposed to do with him. Perhaps every thing was as it should be; but it might be otherwise."

"Why not let the ~~[illegible]~~ presbytery manage the matter as they please?" "The whole economy of the Board is in a different direction. We don't appoint a man as a missionary, however highly the presbytery recommend him. We judge whether it is expedient for the Board to employ him. The presbytery judge of the ecclesiastical question, we do not. We judge the missionary question, & only this. A native helper may have a fair character, & yet the Comm. may think it unwise to sustain him. In that case they don't hesitate to say so."

"Go on." "Very well. Supposing all was just right. We might wish to have the evidence of the fact for our defence; & a correspondence would obtain it. I think you will see that I had good reason on the grounds already stated, for acting as I did. But (b) there might have been another question. Strictly speaking, W. S. has done wrong; with good aims; & if we sustain him, in the circumstances, we may expose the Board to an outcry from 'unreasonable men.' We might have asked, Do thou not done any by which we can keep ourselves clear from such an attack. I think W. F. is the last man to embarrass us needlessly. But Dr. R. S. Smith has written to Bro. Stark, I understand, in such a way as to render any further discussion unnecessary."

"But all this sounds strange from you. Did not you talk of a separation 8 years ago?" "Only in case of a material difference of opinion, but we are willing to abide by the Good Master['s] rules. Besides, you present a case which has serious difficulties, inasmuch as the mission is divided. Suppose we grant your request, what comes next? You dont tell us. We are very much in the dark here."

"Tell me, Bro T. just how you & the Com^ee & the churches feel towards us." "We love you truly, warmly. For myself, there is no mission which I love more. I said to Mr W. in my room, that I would willingly give up my life to secure such an adjustment of the relations of the Board & the mission as would perpetuate a pleasant & profitable cooperation till the missionary work among the Choctaws shall be finished. That was the inmost feeling of my soul. The Com^ee & the churches have the kindest feelings towards you. Nine persons out of 10, if not 99 out of 100, would say, "Keep right on. Dont think of leaving the Board." Bro. B. It would be a great calamity to have our peace all broken up, when we thought we might have rest. The Lord deliver us from further agitation".

But I must close. Ponder these things. Bro B. Pray over them. Act with all deliberation. The interests involved are very important. And may the Lord guide you & the mission now & always!

This letter is confidential. But show it to Bro K. Bro S. & Bro H. if they wish to see it. I have written to you separately because I can talk more freely to one than to four. Remember, no part of this letter is to get into the papers. And whatever may come of this business, I beg you to let the discussion be private. We don't want any help from the papers.

As ever, your brother
in the gospel

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

Feb. 4, 1856

Rev C. W Wood

Dear Bro.

Your letter of Feb. I have this moment rec'd 5 1/2 P.M. Dr A. is gone. There is no time for conference. I know what we shall say, however. Keep still, & keep the other brethren still. Lean on your good character for the present. If called formally, "say the brethren have written, & under a misapprehension, as we believe, & we have asked them to reconsider." We expect the matter to be "all right."

In great haste

Very truly

S. B. Treat

Dea Clifford Mail Feb. 3 5 P.M.

Miss. House, Boston
Feb. 5 1856

Rev. C. Kingsbury,
Choctaws. —

Dear Brother

I have sent to Bro. Byington (1) a minute of the Prud. Comee containing their action in the matter of the letter of Nov. 13 (2) my letter to the signers of that document, (3) Mr Woods' letter to the Prud. Comee in explanation of his conduct, while in the Choctaw nation, (4) a 'confidential' letter from me to Bro. B. addressed to him for reasons therein expressed, but to be read by all of the "four", if they choose it. All these communications you will see in due time, if such is your wish.

I cannot suppress the feeling that you will look at this matter as we do, when you receive the whole case. It is very much to be desired that you should; of this I feel quite sure.

Praying that the Lord will guide you all into his own chosen way, I am, dear Sir,
Most truly yours. S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Feb. 7. 1856.

Rev. E. Butler M.D.
Van Buren Ark.

Dear Brother.

Your letter of Jan. 9 has just reached me; mine of Jan. 23. apprising you of a grant of $200 volunteered by the Com^ee & of the contemplated procurement of a library, must find you at Van Buren very soon.

I have now completed the library; & it will be despatched at an early day, by the first opportunity, indeed. I send herewith lists of books given by different individuals. Those that do not come from any one else, are from the Com. or me. Conybeare & Howson I commend to you as a book that is invaluable for a minister.

In regard to the topic presented in yours of Jan. 9. I am at a loss what to say. I should be glad to propose a sum to the Com^ee & have them grant it, more or less, without troubling you again. But I do not know what sum to name. I might fall below your needs & your reasonable claim. On the other hand, I might go above what you would think proper in the circumstances. What shall we do?

I write to request that you will indicate your wishes in the premises. In view of the whole case, the pressure upon our treasury, not likely to be relieved very soon, what is the smallest sum that you think we should allow? I do not say that the Com^tee will allow no more; but that will furnish a basis of consideration & action. Having your reply, we will see how generous we can be, with our increasing expenditures.

Kindest regards to Mrs B. & your daughter.

As ever, fraternally

Yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Feb. 9. 1856.

Mr H. K. Copeland,
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Brother.

Your letters of Dec. 14 & Jan. 7 are before me. I am glad to have your account of the journey from St Louis; I am sorry, however that Mrs C's health gave out. I have some fears in regard to her.

We are as much surprised as you can be at the course pursued by the "four." I did hope & believe that we should have peace, as we certainly might have. The Comee are much tried by this question. All things considered, they think it best to ask the "four" to look at the matter again, & see if they can not go forward, the Good Water basis being the platform which we recognize as satisfactory. We do not ask them to go beyond this.

Sec. Wilson advises them to stay with us on the Good Water basis; & I rather think they will, as they have evidently misunderstood some things, such as Dr Pomroy's report.

I have written to Mr. Torrey. My impression is that he had better attend the meeting of the mission in the Spring; see what course matters take, & if all parties shall desire him to settle at Yazoo Creek, to do so; unless, indeed, Fairfield shall have stronger claims upon him. Mr Palmer still wishes to go to Fairfield; but he has not been able to arrange his business matters.

In regard to the alteration which you propose, by removing Phillis's house, &c. you are at liberty to make, provided you do not go beyond the appropriations.

I do not know whether Mr Edwards has reached Fairfield or not. I presume he has, however.

Very truly yours

S. B. Treat

P. S. If the signers of the letter of Nov. 13. conclude to remain in the mission, I hope the non-signers will endeavor to act with them in all harmony & love. There are some strong reasons for wishing them to abide with us. We do not want any more slavery agitation.

S B T

Miss. House, Boston,
Feb. 11. 1856

Dear Bro. Wood

The "calls" were sent to the Intelligencer & Evangelist but I will send duplicates.

I am afraid to have Mr. Porter touch the slavery question. I would rather have the matter stand as it is than let such a blunderer deal with the question.

I have just rec'd a long letter from Mr. Stark. It is not very hopeful; but perhaps I can keep him quiet. Will see.

Very truly
Yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. Home, Boston
Feb. 12. 1856.

Rev. C. Byington,
Choctaws.—

Dear Brother

I have but a moment to spare; but I must just send you a line, expressive of my sympathy in the affliction which has come upon you. You will have heard of the death of your brother, through others; but I wish to say that I have often thought of you, since I became apprised of the bereavement; & my prayer is that the Comforter may be with you. Death is doing his own work. Last Wednesday, we buried Mr. Safford, a noble man. To day Dr Pomroy goes to Portland to attend the funeral of his wife's only brother. Dr. Anderson followed a daughter in law to the grave a few days ago. So we are all moving on. If it were right, I should sometimes wish to have the end hastened; but we must wait God's time. But to look on the face of our Emmanuel! The glory that shall be revealed in us! Freedom from all sin! May we not pray for our discharge, that so we may hear, "Well done"; & enter into the joy of our Lord?

You will be glad to hear that your nephew, T. L. Byington, has offered himself to the Board as a missionary. His testimonials are of a *very* high order. We are glad to get such men. Will it not be pleasant to you to be a missionary of the same body with him? I cannot yet believe that your separation from us is *foreordained* *from* *eternity*. If it is, I will say, "The Lord go with you," & pray for your peace all your days.

I have cut from the Boston Daily Advertiser a notice of your bro. It is a Whig paper, *firm* & *decided*. I thought you would like to see what it says.

Affectionate feelings to Mrs B.

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 13. 1856

Rev. A. Wright
Senecas. — Dear Bro.

Yours of the 30th I have recd. — I want one teacher for a new boarding school among the Dakotas, under Mr Riggs' care. Perhaps you had better take the best one; and if the other is willing to go to the Dakotas, we shall be glad to send her, if a suitable person.

Will you write to these ladies or shall I. If I am to do so, please to give me the address.

Shall we see you in Albany March 4?

Very truly yrs

S B Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Feb 13. 1856.

Mrs. S. M. Wellman
Allegheny Res.

Dear Madam

Yours of Jan. 28 did not reach me till Feb. 9. Yesterday I laid the case before the Comee. I must be brief in my reply, for I have much to do.

I read your letter with interest; & I think the path of duty is plain for you. In the circumstances, you ought to make another trial of married life. It may be that Providence has had some very special design in taking you back to Old Town. There may be the healing of the breach for life.

You have our free & cordial consent, if you wish it, to your return to your husband. At the same time, I think it no more than just that Mr. W. should meet any expense that we may have been at in getting you to Old Town. This, however, we leave to your discretion. We have entire confidence that you will do what is best.

With many wishes for your happiness,
I am most truly yours

S. B. Treat

Mis. House, Boston
Feb. 13. 1856

Rev H. A. Wentz
Cherokees. Dear Bro.

Yours of Jan. 6 I have rec^d & I reply briefly. You were entitled to receive your support & allowance — pro rata — to the time when you received my last letter, as you have done heretofore. Then they would have ceased regularly. But you may receive them up to your receipt of this letter, just as if you had continued our missionary.

In great haste
Very truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms, Boston
Feb. 13. 1856

Rev. J. Potter
Senecas—

Dear Brother

Yours of Jan. 24 I have laid before the Comee. & I am directed to write on this side in respect to the Cold Spring school. We do not feel like adding much to our appropriations for schools among the Senecas. We are too deeply in that line of things already. Hence we think we cannot give the $200.

But I suppose you are not expending all your allowance for schools, as already reported to. The Sunfish school is not kept at present, I believe. Now you are at liberty to take any part of the allowance, not needed elsewhere, & apply it to the Cold Spring school, adding some $50, if need be. That is as far as we can go.

In acknowledging yours of Jan 30. let me say 1. I dislike to take Bro. W. from translating very much; but I do wish to get the school matters among the Senecas on a different ~~matter~~ footing. The Alleghany boarding school ought not to be a charge on our funds

& we should not have embarked in the experiment, if we had expected it to continue so long on our hands. There ought to be a boarding school on the Cattaraugus Res. but we cannot start one. It should be done with other funds than ours. Still, if Bro. W. fails this winter to accomplish any thing, it will be a fair question whether he shall renew the attempt hereafter.

The estimates of your station & of the other stations are sanctioned, excepting one modification in Bro. Gleason's. I remember no other change. The brethren have been duly notified.

Remember me kindly to Mrs W. & your fellow-laborers.

Fraternally yours

S. B. Treat.

feel greatly [illegible] from one place to another? He will probably be unable to remove the coming spring; but he hopes to do it in the fall. I confess I am sorry for this delay; but it is entirely unexpected. Were the case simple, I should probably know what to advise; but it is not. It is complicated with another question.

We hope that the Choctaw mission, or rather the "four", will reconsider & withdraw their requests for a release. If they do so, it may be best for you to go to Yazoo Creek. Hence an inspection here

Miss. Rooms, Boston,
Feb. 13. 1856.

Rev. C. C. Torrey.
Fairfield. Chr. Nat.

Dear Brother.

Since my letter of Jan. 24 I have heard from Mr Palmer; and I have taken the advice of the Com^e.

We regret that you are placed in such trying circumstances; but there is a divine ordering in it. And we may suck honey out of a rock, with God's assistance. May it be so in your case!

"What shall I do?" you say. Mr. Palmer wrote weeks ago to F., & I have no doubt that he would feel greatly disappointed, if we were to give the place to another. He will probably be unable to remove the coming spring; but he hopes to be out in the fall. I confess I am sorry for the delay; but it is entirely unexpected. Were the case single, I should probably know what to advise; but it is not. It is complicated with another question.

We hope that the Choctaw mission, or rather the "four", will reconsider & withdraw their request for a release. If they do so, it may be best for you to go to Yazoo Creek. Hence my suggestion now.

The Comee wish you to attend the meeting of the Choct. mission in the Spring, & to be governed by a large spirit, among the brethren & the people. If the "four" conclude to withdraw their request, & there is a prospect of a harmonious cooperation hereafter; & if the mission & the Yazoo Creek people decidedly wish you to go to the station which you had in mind when you left us; & especially if your settling there shall seem to promise a better working of the slavery question, the Comee will be glad to hear that you are to be a Choctaw missionary. But, if the main elements in this hypothesis are wanting, we cannot ask you to go thither. In case you do not go, we will see what shall be done.

We regard your mission to the Choctaw brethren with deep interest. We have no doubt you will act discreetly. If continued cooperation is practicable, labor for peace. Try to conciliate the anti-slavery members of the mission toward the others; & walk in wisdom toward the older brethren. There is no need of a separation. Act on that hypothesis, as long as you can. Such a separation seems to us very undesirable. We have had division enough, we hope, therefore, you will do what you can to prevent any more. If things can settle down quietly, I shall hope that all will come out right.

Kind regards & c. &c. Fraternally yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms, Boston
Feb. 15. 1856

Chs. H. Stewart Esq
Washington City.

Dear Sir

I enclose a letter which Mr. Hill, our late Treasr. has received from the Treasury Department. I know no way of bringing this business to an end? What is its present state?

In haste,

Very truly
Yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 19. 1856

Rev G. W. Wood
New York Dear Bro.

I send the letter to Bro. B. with amendments. I have said to myself, "Suppose Bro. B. in one of his erratic moods, should send the letter to the N. Y. Obs. how should we wish it to read? With my letter, which you can see when you come, I think they ought to satisfy him.

I have not answered Stark's letter, & so I must keep it a day or two longer.

Truly yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Feb. 19. 1856.

Rev. J. Kilbourn,
Middle Haddam Ct.

Rev & dear Sir.

Your favor of Feb. 18 I have duly received. From its tenor & spirit, I feel that you will appreciate most fully my reply. It is a rule of my associates & myself to avoid complicity, as far as may be, with agitating & dividing questions without the sphere of our labors. We have a sufficient amount of such questions within that sphere to weaken the confidence of the public in us; & we feel that we ought not to add to their number. Some years ago I advised Mr Anderson to resign his place as trustee of Andover, because it was affecting his influence in certain quarters; & he did so. I am fully satisfied of the correctness of the principle. Just at this time, especially, we need to be very cautious, for reasons which you will understand at once. I must beg you therefore to excuse my omission to reply as you desire.

Very sincerely yr

S.B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Feb. 19. 1856

Rev. O. P. Stark,
Choctaws. –

Dear Bro.

Your letter of Dec. 19 did not reach me till Feb. 11; I have since been too busy to reply. This you will believe when I say that I have dined but once in a week; & that I have trespassed largely upon my hours of sleep. I have so much to do, that I do but little well. If I had had time, I should have explained my views in regard to Mr. Fields more fully; but I thought you would appreciate the difficulty at a glance. But I hope to write on the slavery question at some length in a day or two, & will say no more now.

I have made inquiry as to the insurance, & I cannot find that there is any beyond New Orleans. If your goods are lost, however, the Com^{ee} will make a special grant, if you desire it. In case you ask for one, please to give us the amount which you will need.

You will see an extract from your letter in the Journal & Dayspring.

Fraternally yrs
S. B. Treat

Confidential

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 20 1856.

Rev. O. P. Stark
Choctaws. —

Dear Brother.

I sit down this morning to reply to yours of Dec. 19 a little more at length. Allow me reciprocate, most fully & cordially, the kind feelings which you express. Both Mrs S. & yourself may assure yourselves of my affection & esteem; & I should regret, for my own sake, to say nothing of other considerations, your separation from us.

You will doubtless remember our "talks" in '53 about the slavery question. What you & Bro. C. said, was very helpful to me. Indeed, if the school laws had not been passed, I do not see why we could not have gone forward without difficulty, supposing there had been no division in the mission. And now, if I could spend an evening with you, I am sure I could satisfy you that you had better not leave us. I say this most confidently. And further, I am clear that the friends of the Board would say, "Stay where you are". Conservative men would unite in this advice. To show you how a good missionary brother looks at the matter, I will quote the words of Mr Worcester, of the Cherokee mission: "With the light which I have, it seems to me as if those brethren had erred exceedingly." He has the same relation to the Good Water paper that you sustain; & yet this is his language.

But you will ask me, "What is to be the course of events, if we remain with the Board? Are we to be troubled, as we have been?" I will answer you in all frankness. After the meeting at Wheelock I expected a time of tranquility, unless there should be some unexpected movement on your part. Had the mission continued of the same mind as I supposed its members to be in after the Good Water meeting, I felt sure of quiet on all sides. We, indeed, might be feebly assailed by the Am. Miss. Association; but we had a good defence & should have no fears of the north. Our relations to you would not be disturbed; because we were perfectly satisfied with the Good Water paper, & should not ask you to adopt or be governed by my letter. The Good Water paper was to be the expression of views in which we all harmonized. We should assume, moreover, that you would act in accordance with your expressed convictions, & not catechize you in relation therefore, unless something startling come from the mission that might seem to call for a notice. To any questions or orders, if we spoke at all, we should have said probably, "These brethren are honest men; we have no doubt of their fidelity to their principles. We do not ask them whether they are faithful, unless something be said which makes it proper for us to ask information. In short, we treat this matter just as we treat other matters in this & *other* missions." You can see at once that such a mode of dealing with the brethren could scarcely, in any contingency occasion disquiet among you. And I think I may appeal to my correspondence, as showing that I do not wish to be officious or troublesome. I have had a difficult position to preserve intact, as against assaults in this quarter. I have desired to have as good a case as I could; & as the question was very embarrassing, I have said more to the missionaries than they may have fancied. But if they will put themselves in my place, I am sure they cannot blame me. For the future, however, there would not be the same difficulty in making out a good case. It was made out for us at Good Water by the mission. Hence the reason for an unwelcome correspondence falls to the ground, quite as much to my joy as that of any one.

I will now glance very briefly at the points presented in your letter. 1. "It has confirmed the suspicions" that the Board has taken abolition ground, and tried to require their missionaries to do the same." I might reply at length; but I will just say, "Neither the Board, the Com-nor any officer of the A.B.C.F.M. has any thought of going beyond the Good Water paper. The case has issued in a complete adjustment on this platform. There we abide." I suppose there is not one of us that would have expressed his views, of mere motion, in just those words. But we take the language, without any forced construction, & say we are satisfied. Is not that enough?

I will not go into the 2d point; perhaps Bro. Wood will do so. I will only say, Your position before the world, so far as I can judge, is a good one. You have the credit of agreeing with the North generally, though you do not assent to the letter of June 22. You have the confidence & affection of the churches in general. As to what has been published in the papers, people do not lay it up. Besides, the feeling is, There has been an adjustment since the discussion, & we are "content". This is almost universal.

Your 3d point I read with some surprise. It shows that the design of it is to bind the conduct of your missionaries. We do not understand the matter so at all. The principles to which you refer, are still our principles. We do not think that we have departed from them in the least. We have asked no pledge. But owing to the peculiar complication of events, it was desirable that we should be able to say what the views of the mission were on the subject of slavery. If you will recur to my conversation with you, you will remember that what I wanted was some evidence that I could regard as reliable, on the strength of which I could meet objectors & questioners. Did I ask any pledge from you or Mr Copeland? No. If you or he had said to me, "I know the opinion of all in our mission, & we stand on this ground." That would have been sufficient for the mission; & I should have had all the evidence for our protection that I needed. After the refusal of Mr K. (with the approval of the mission) to present our letter to the Council, for reasons assigned we were all afloat. We had no defence against any onset that might be made. We knew that you did not assent to the letter of June 22; but what you did believe ~~[illegible]~~ we could not say intelligently. The Good Water paper gives us something that is tangible & certain. We did not receive it as a pledge, but as an expression of an opinion; nothing more.

You know that we have been assailed for our complication with polygamy. One polygamist has been admitted to the church of your mission, or by a member of it. Suppose I had simply an expression of opinion at Pine Ridge in 48, & the brethren had all said, we think it wrong, or at least inexpedient, to admit persons having two wives to our churches? I don't ask any edict; but I ask the expression that we may have an answer to questioners. You will see the point, I think, as it lies in our minds. I assure you we are very far from designing to encroach on your just prerogatives.

I wish I had time to go into William Field's case; I am sure you would be satisfied, if I should state all that I might say. Look at our position, & then say if it was not right for me to be cautious in such a matter. I did not know the facts; was it not well that I should know them? Was it not proper for me to see if there was not a practicable arrangement whereby he could receive aid, & yet we be safe from the attacks of unreasonable men? That was all that I had in mind & I never dreamed that you would regard my letters as you have regarded them. If you had been in this warfare eight years, you admit that a little caution was justifiable. I am confident that you love the work of missions, & would not be willing that we shield the good cause from injury whenever we can. But this matter is adjusted, as I understand; & there will be no further trouble. Of this you may be certain.

Let me say in conclusion, "in the circumstances, I think your leaving the Board would be highly injurious to the kingdom of Christ. I think you can remain with us, & yet stand right with the church & its glorious Head. The inference to my mind is clear."

I have another plan in mind, as you know, that is to have some of your churches become self-supporting at an early day. Two or three, I have supposed, might do this. That will be a peaceable, honorable separation, gratifying to all parties. Let us look forward to that as the desirable consummation.

This letter is confidential; but you may show it to the brethren who have acted with you. Let us all keep out of the papers. The whole trouble has come from the papers. We can get along together, if we let them alone.

Affectionate regards to Mrs S.

Fraternally Yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Feb 20. 1856.

Rev. S. A. Worcester
Cherokees.

Dear Brother

Your two letters of Jan 2 & 14 are before me. The cold has been more severe in your parts than I had supposed. We have some very cold weather, with extra snows; but relatively you beat us. You will see an extract from the first letter in the Journal or Day-spring, with a short article gleaned from the Almanac. For the Extra Journal (issued at 18 or country) I shall take the paragraph about the female seminary. In this form it will not get back to you.

I agree with you pretty much in regard to the N.Y. Observer. Prime is not the man to conduct such a paper. In fact, our religious newspapers do not suit me altogether. The V. Chronicle is conducted with good taste & in a proper spirit; but it is hardly up to the times. The same thing can be said, with some modifications, of the Puritan Recorder, a good paper on the whole for a family, one of the best.

"We were all of us taken "aback" by the letter of the four Choctaw brethren. I think they have made a mistake; & I trust they will see it, & withdraw their letter. Mr Wilson, the Sec. of the Presbyn. Board advises them to abide by the Good Water paper & us. In fact, I suppose all the Secretaries of that Board think they had better remain as they are. So do most, who know any thing about the case. I have written largely, to correct some apparent misapprehensions; & the Comee have instructed me to request them to reconsider. If you could give your opinion to Mr Kingsbury, I think it would have some influence.

Mr Torrey is tried by the unexpected turn of events; but we hope Providence will make all plain. We wish him to attend the Choctaw meeting in April, & govern his conduct by what he finds to be the indication of the divine will. If he is such a man as we take him to be, he can be very useful there as a member of the mission, aside from his personal labors. It was partly with reference to this that we sent him there. I think if you knew the whole case that you would see him an important leader for our cause just here. There are troubled elements in the mission, which need to be conciliated, else there is danger ahead.

Affection respects to Mrs W. & all. Very sincerely yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Feb. 21. 1856.

Hon Geo. W. Manypenny
Com.r of Indian Affairs.

Sir,

I learn from Mr. Wheeler, our missionary at Bad River, that you kindly offered to secure titles for him & his associates, in accordance with a provision in the treaty made with a portion of the Ojibwas. A letter from him to yourself I hereby forward. It will give me great pleasure to hear that this office is performed. May I express the hope that it will be soon, in order that we may form our plans for the future, as soon as may be?

I do not certainly know whether we are to pay the minimum price for the land. If that is required, I will forward the money, as soon as I learn that the papers are ready.

Let me suggest that Mr. Leonard H. Wheeler have the land on which the buildings are located; Henry Blatchford, the four 40 acre lots; & Miss Spooner (or Mr. Pulsifer, if preferred by the Gov.t) the other fractions.

I should be glad to know if you are prepared to make an arrangement for a manual labor school at Bad River. Mr Wheeler has written to me some urging on the subject.

Respectfully
yours, &c.
S. B. Treat
Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

Feb. 21. 1856
Rev. S. [illegible]
New York City

Dear Bro,

I have recd yours of the 9th [illegible] to talk with you [illegible] Bad River, the opening of a boarding school there &c. Cannot you attend the special meeting at Albany March 4th? If you come, we will there talk over matters. I will see that your expenses to & from Albany are paid. If you go, it will be good for you to write & secure a place to stay at.

In haste, Yours,

S B Treat

Miss. House. Boston
Feb. 21. 1856

Rev. S. Hall
New York City — Dear Bro.

I have recd yours of the 9th inst. I wish to talk with you in reference to Bad River, the opening of a boarding school there &c. Cannot you attend the special meeting at Albany March 4? If you can, we will there talk over matters. I will see that your expenses to & from Albany are paid. If you go, it will be well for you to write & secure a place to stay at.

In haste, yours truly

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
[illegible] Feby 23. 1856.

Rev. L. H. Wheeler [illegible] in [illegible]
Odanah [illegible]

[illegible] Dear Bro. [illegible] On the 16th of Feb. I recd [illegible] all one of Jan. 11. [illegible] a copy of the Indian Agent's letter to the Com[illegible] of the 17th Jan., with a letter for Mr. [illegible] [illegible] selecting his [illegible] I hope this business can [illegible] going to Washington [illegible] go there.

I [illegible] question of a boarding school [illegible] to hear from [illegible]. Just now I am so situated that I can [illegible] of the matter. The special meeting, with my other duties, will keep my hands full for a full month. Indeed, we must keep ourselves out of the [illegible] trouble, with the difficulties which may spring up in connection with it before we undertake new enterprises.

Miss. House, Boston,
Feby 23. 1856.

Rev. L. H. Wheeler,
Odanah

Dear Brother.

On the 18th of Feb. I rec.d your letters of Dec. 27 (3 in all) one of Jan. 11. with a copy of the Indian Agent's letter to the Com.r On the 21st I rec.d yours of the 17th Jan, with the maps, as also the map & letter for Mr. Manypenny. I immediately wrote to Mr M. sending his letter & the map, & soliciting his attention to the matter of the title. I hope this business can be finished without my going to Washington; if necessary, however, I will go there.

I also called his attention to the question of a boarding-school at Odanah — & I hope to hear from him on that subject. Just now I am so situated that I cannot take hold of the matter. The Special meeting, with my other duties, will keep my hands full for a full month. Indeed, we must keep ourselves out of this Deputation trouble, with the difficulties which may spring up in connection with it, before we undertake new enterprises.

You will have heard of Mr Pulsifer's release from him, I presume. Mr Hall is in New York. I have not seen him; but I may find him at the annual meeting. Feb. 23. 1856

As I am very busy, you must excuse the brevity of this epistle.

Kindest regards to Mrs Abrams & Miss Spooner.

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willing to engage in early, truly yours

teaching at some mission station. You

are desirous to obtain a teacher for

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family, some 3 miles distant. If you

are disposed to entertain the idea,

please to address "Rev S.R. Riggs,

Pajutazee, Minnesota Territory."

He can give you just the informa-

tion that you may need.

Very truly yours

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
Feb. 23. 1856

Miss Eliza Newey
Canton. Ill. Dear Miss N.

I learn from Mr Wright, that you are willing to engage in the work of teaching at some mission station. We are anxious to obtain a teacher for Mr Riggs among the Dakotas. I can speak of him & his wife in very high terms, as also of Mr Williamson's family, some 3 miles distant. If you are disposed to entertain the idea, please to address "Rev S. R. Riggs, Pajutazee, Minnesota Territory". He can give you just the information that you may need.

Very truly yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 23. 1856

Rev. S. R. Riggs.—
Dakotas.— Dear Brother.

We are preparing for the meeting at Albany, March 4; which may be ~~like~~ "getting ready for a storm". Mr. Anderson has a good prospect for an onset; how the rest of us may come out, we will not predict. The Lord will take care of the ark; what becomes of man, is of small account, so that his name may be honored.

Your letters of Dec 10. & Jan 14. I must notice very briefly.

1. I am pleased to hear that your boarding school is fairly launched. The Lord add his blessing!

2. I have just written to a Miss Dewey in Illinois, who is highly recommended as a teacher for a missionary school, to know if she will go to New Hope. In case she is inclined to entertain the idea, I have requested her to communicate with you.

3. I do not wish to press the matter of economy so far as you may have supposed. I do not desire any over-work, any neglect of children, or

any omission to do what seems to be really best in the circumstances. I supposed it possible that in some expenditures outside of the ordinary & the necessary there might be a chance for a little reduction. I mentioned the subject, just as I have done to other missionaries. Let me say, however, that if you need a "lift" in regard to Alfred or Isabella, I am pretty sure the Com^ee will give it. They have a "soft place" in their hearts, whenever the children of missionaries are presented to them.

4. The idea of gov^t aid for your school arose in this way. The Com^r has written to us to know how much we have expended for education, civilization &c among our Indians. Replied, giving him totals; & knowing his friendly feelings, I inquired if the gov^t could consistently do more in the way of schools, mentioning yours, among others. The answer was general, that he (if any opening) would take up the subject, where he should have occasion. That is the end thus far. I may jog his memory at some time.

Affectionate greetings to Mrs R. children, & all pertaining. Christian love to the church which is in your "house".

Fraternally &c

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 25. 1856.

Rev. E. Hotchkin
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Bro.

I have received no letter from you for a long time; but I will nevertheless say a few words, in the hope that you will agree with me in what I write. I read with much surprise the letter asking for a release which you & three other brethren addressed to the Comee. After Bro. Wood's visit, I thought we might have peace. The Good Water basis was satisfactory; there was no disposition to give the mission needless anxiety in the future. I verily thought that the Lord had brought us forth into a large place.

You will say, perhaps, "It might have been so, if Mr Wood's report had not been published". But the N. Y. Observer had placed us in such a position that it seemed necessary to give that document to the world. It was no fault of ours that we had come into this unpleasant predicament. You may refer to Mr Field's case. That is explained & adjusted. It will make no trouble hereafter. The fact is, there is no good reason for a separation; that is the general feeling on all sides. If you were among the Berkshire Hills once more, I am sure you would agree with me.

I have written somewhat largely, in reply to letters received from Messrs. Byington, Stark, &c. My answers you will see, if you have not seen them already. I cannot but hope that you will come to the conclusion, with the others, that it is best to cleave to the old flag. A separation from us through the introduction of a self supporting system we should all accept as a divinely appointed solution; but your release, on account of the state of the slavery question, we think quite unnecessary.

Let me hear from you in regard to your plans, labors, &c. I am quite in the dark; & when I am questioned, I am obliged to appear ignorant.

Affectionate regards to your children, & Mrs. H. whom I have in constant remembrance.

As ever, your friend &
brother in the
Lord
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Feb. 25, 1856

Rev. S. L. Hobbs,
Choctaw Nation.

Dear Bro.

Your favor of Jan. 2 I have read with much pleasure. I hope your next will assure me that "all is well" at Lenox.

I wish to say a word in regard to the slavery question. The Comee think that there is no good reason for a separation of the Choctaw mission, or a part of it, from the Board. We are quite satisfied with the Good Water basis, & shall not ask you to go beyond that. We think, however, that the older brethren have asked a release through a misapprehension, & have, therefore, requested them to reconsider the subject. I have strong hopes that they will do so, & that they will see matters in a different light.

Should they remain in their present relation, I hope the brethren who have not signed the letter of release, will pursue a conciliatory course, & let "by-gones be by-gones". All things considered, it would be a calamity to have the older brethren leave

us.

the effect would be bad upon the churches; & I do not know just what would be the upshot among the Choctaws. We have quite a breeze blowing toward this quarter, on account of the doings of the Deputation in India. Now there are questions springing up among the Presbyterians & Congregationalists, which affect us. On the whole, we don't need any more of the disturbing element just now.

Bro. Torrey will attend the spring meeting of the mission. If all settles down quietly, there is a prospect of a pleasant cooperation in coming years. I hope he will go to Yazoo Creek. Such a man will do good in the mission, as well as in his own particular field. What we want is a quiet, peaceful working of the mission, all being satisfied with the Good Water principles. They ought ~~[illegible]~~ to satisfy all men.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. H. & Miss W. Let me congratulate Miss Dada upon being in well-fitting apparel.

Brother, fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

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Miss. House, Boston
Feb. 25, 1856.

Mr. J. A. Chamberlain
Choctaw Mission,—

Dear Brother

Your favor of Dec. 25 has been duly received. For the sympathy you have expressed in our stormy trials, accept my thanks. We have had much perplexity from this source; & the separation of the 4 brethren from us just at this time would increase it. I hope, therefore, that they will reconsider their request & conclude to abide with us. We are perfectly satisfied with the Good Water basis, & ask for nothing more. They have no occasion, so far as I can see, for leaving us.

I hope the brethren who have not signed the letter, will pursue a conciliatory course. Should the older missionaries remain with us, let all things go forward, as if this little episode had not happened. They do not seem to have fully understood the case, as it lies in our minds; hence, I suppose, their application.

Kind regards to Mrs. C. & all with you.

Fraternally yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
March 18. 1856.

Mr H. K. Copeland
Choctaw Mission

Dear Brother

Your letters of Feb. 7 & 8 arrived yesterday. To day I have laid them before the Comee. It is quite late & I must be very brief.

The reasons which you give for asking a release are such that we can say nothing against them. We are sorry to part with you & Mrs C; but we shall always remember you with interest; & our prayer is that the Lord will bless you in all your future history. To me personally it is a pleasure to recall the friendly & fraternal intercourse we have had together. Nothing has occurred to disturb our relation to each other.

As to an allowance I do not know what to say. The Comee are willing to do something in this line; but they would be glad to get your views more fully. Please to state about the same you would like to receive & I will taste the mind of the Com. at once. I think our views can be made to harmonize without question.

I feel troubled in regard to the case of Phillis. I propose to write to Mr Edwards on the subject, & ask him to confer with Mr Kingsley & yourself & recommend what ~~they~~ they think should be done.

In great haste
I am fraternally
Yrs
S.B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
March 14. 1856.

Mrs J. N. [illegible]
Choctaw Nation.

Dear Madam,

Your letter of Feb [illegible] came a few days since. I rejoice that Miss C. has found so good a home. May the Lord protect you all, and may he sanctify the trial to you. Please to say to Miss C. that [illegible] for her & sympathize with her most deeply. Her [illegible] she is greatly missed; but Christ knows it is; he will keep it in mind for their benefit in some way. I would write to her, if I were not greatly driven; but I have said all that I suppose is needful to Mr Chamberlain.

In regard to the Melodeon, I hardly know what to say. I suppose it was intended to belong to the school? Was it not so? In that case, there is a little objection to our interfering. If Mr Chamberlain is willing to give it up, we are quite willing you should have it. This may be all you need me to say. If it is not wanted now, but may be hereafter, he might let you take it till it is wanted. I hope this will meet your mind. Fraternal regards to Miss C & your good husband.

Very truly yrs
S.B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
March 19. 1856.

Mrs. S. N. Byington.
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Madame.

Your letter of Feb 7. I rec^d two days ago. I rejoice that Miss C. has found so good a home. May the Lord protect you all! And may he sanctify this trial to you! Please to say to Miss C. that I have rec^d her note, & sympathize with her most deeply. I believe she is greatly wronged; but Christ knows it; & he will keep it in mind for her benefit in some way. I would write to her, if I were not greatly driven; but I have said all that I suppose is needful to Mr Chamberlain.

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Miss. House, Boston
March 19. 1856

Mr. J. D. Chamberlain
Choctaws.—

Dear Brother,

Yours of the 6th with enclosure I have recd. I am surprised & grieved that Miss C. should have been so treated; but so far as I understand the case, you have all acted wisely & judiciously. In the circumstances it was best probably that she should leave the school.

What shall she do? If she wishes to return to her friends, she ought to receive her expenses; that is clear; & you are authorized to pay them. But is there no place for her in the mission? If Mr Torrey goes to Yazoo Creek, he would be glad to have her with him. If that is too near Stockbridge, perhaps an exchange can be effected, she going to Lenox, & Miss Slate going to Mr Torrey's. If this plan does not succeed, some other may. If she is not needed, in our mission, I have no doubt the Presbyterians would be glad of her aid. But I am in haste. Kind regards to Mr C & all. Truly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
March 1st, 1856.

Rev. J. Edwards,
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Brother

Mr. H. K. Copeland supposes that Phillis did not receive from Mrs. Wright, what should have been allowed her for four years service, & that in fact she is entitled to some $300 for wages. Now the Com^{ee} wish you to ascertain the facts, & report them to us; & we also wish you to confer with Mr Kingsbury & Mr Copeland (& with Mr Byington also, if convenient) & tell us whether we ought to do any thing for Phillis; & if so how much. It is important that justice should be done in the premises, even though we are under no legal obligation. If Phillis goes to the free States, we may hear from the case at a future day.

I understand that the other freedmen would be glad to leave their present home very soon. If it is important that something be done for them at once, & you & the others named think it best to pay them $100 or $150, the Com^{ee} will sanction the act. They would probably give more, if they regard the case as clear.

Fraternally Yrs S.B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
March 26. 1856

Mr. B. F. Hall
Allegany Res.

Dear Brother.

I should have answered yours of March 1 at an earlier day, had I not been excessively hurried. The "Special meeting" & other matters have kept me very busy. I hope the delay will occasion no inconvenience.

It is a matter of some delicacy to reply to your question as to whether I have any objection to your managing your schools according to the best of your judgment. *Personally* I have none; *officially* I ought perhaps to say a few words.

You are a member of the Seneca mission, & as such cannot have the *entire* control of your schools. Neither can the *others* claim the sole direction of *their* schools. We hold the whole mission in some sort responsible for the plans & labors & expenses at each station. Still in *practice* I suppose that there will be but little interference; & each missionary will for the most part manage his schools as he pleases.

In this particular case I should think

that Christian comity required you to give up the idea of employing Miss. H. Suppose Mr Wright should raise a similar objection to a young lady whom Mr Gleason was about to employ in his schools. It would be clear that Bro. G. ought to relinquish his purpose. Harmony is of the first importance in a mission. We take great pains for its preservation in all parts of the world & we are much afraid of any thing that threatens to disturb it.

I am not sure that you will appreciate my views, as you cannot see the question as I do. If you knew more of the working of missions, the exceeding delicacy of their structure, I am confident you would agree with me.

Kind regards to Mrs. H. & all at your station.

Fraternally

Very sincerely yrs

S. B. Treat.

Miss. Rooms, Boston
March 26. 1856.

Miss S. A. Wellman
Alleghany Pa.

Dear Madam

To yours of March 8 I would reply that we give our cordial assent to your receiving the $25 which you mention. Indeed, we should be willing to give more, had you asked it.

I regard your services in the Old Town school as having been of great value; & I pray the Lord to reward you with that which is better than silver & gold. My best wishes attend you.

Very respectfully yours

S. B. Treat.

Miss. Rooms, Boston,
March 26. 1856.

Mr. J. K. Chamberlain
Choctaw Mission

Dear Brother

Your letters of Feb 15 & 27 have just reached; & mine of the 19th inst. will have reached you before they arrived at Stockbridge. I did hope that a place would be found for Miss Child in our mission; but if she has an invitation from Spencer, she has a perfect right to accept it, & we can say nothing to the contrary.

I am very glad that Miss Gaston consents to take Miss C's place. It is something of a surprise to her, doubtless, to be called to such a post; but God is constantly leading us in paths that we know not. She ought not to doubt as to his will in the case; for he has made it very plain. If she goes forward, according to the ability which is given her, she may hope to receive a rich blessing.

I suppose Miss Sawyer will have left before this reaches you. Please to assure her of my kind regards; & I thank her for the aid which she has rendered us in carrying on the Stockbridge school. She has my best wishes for her peace & prosperity. May the God of all grace keep her to the end!

Mrs. C. will have returned from her visit to the other stations. I trust her health has been improved, & that her faith in the missionary work has been strengthened. Kind regards to her & to all.

As ever, very truly

Yours

S. B. Treat.

Miss. Rooms, Boston
March 26. 1856.

Rev. S. A. Worcester
Cherokee Mission

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I thank you for your [illegible] of Feb. 26 accompanied by copies of two letters to Mr Peck & a copy of your letter to John Ross. [illegible] any trouble we have [illegible] trouble us. I have [illegible] that every thing should [illegible] would bear the light [illegible] out, it would [illegible] in the [illegible] Baptists. They [illegible] many reasons [illegible] have some thing [illegible] the questions involved [illegible] all the land you [illegible] with that the [illegible] how the land [illegible] most difficult point is [illegible] out of sight; [illegible] question that must come up now. The Presbyterians complain of Mr Anderson as favoring Congregationalism.

Miss. Rooms. Boston
March 26. 1856

Rev S. Hall
New York. Dear Bro.

Your favor of March 19 I received yesterday, & I wish to express my thanks for it. It contains a great deal of wisdom, & it will aid us in dealing with the questions that may arise at Red River. I am in doubt as to the boarding school. It is needed; but we know the difficulties of such an enterprise. Perhaps I may go to that region next summer. When you next write to Mr H. give my kind regards to all your family

Fraternally yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
March 26. 1856.

Rev S. A. Worcester
Cherokee Mission

Dear Brother.

I thank you for yours of Feb. 25, accompanied by copies of two letters to Mr Peck & a copy of a letter to John Ross. I am glad that with all our slavery trouble we have no such "complication" to trouble us. I have been anxious from the first that every thing should be so done that it would bear the light." If this matter should get out, it would make some noise, especially in the present distracted state of the Baptists. They are in "a parlous way," for many reasons.

You will have seen that we have some=thing of a breeze. I cannot go into the questions involved; & it is hardly needful. I will send you the Report of the Deputation; with that & the newspaper reports, you will see how the land lies. The most difficult point is mainly out of sight; I refer to the ecclesiastical question. That must come up now. The Presbyterians com=plain of Mr Anderson as favoring Congregationalism.

Nothing is (or can be) alleged against the Comee or the rest of us.

You will understand of course that the doctrines of the Deputation do not extend to schools among the N. A. Indians. They stand upon a different footing. English is necessary for them.

The Comee of 13 is a strong & able body. I think they will bring matters to a right place. For one I have little solicitude in the premises. We need prayer, however, that the spirit of wisdom be given to us all.

Affectionate greetings to Mrs. W. & all.

As ever, most truly
Your friend & brother
S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
March 26. 1856.

Miss C. J. Hancock,
Cherokee Mission.—

Dear Miss H.—

Your letters of Jan. 14. & Feb. 12. were read with interest; & I am glad that you can write so cheerfully & hopefully from your new home. You had some trials by the way; but God appointed them; & they may make you more useful & happy all the rest of your life. Pray that it may be so; & endeavor to feel that each trial has its specific mission.

The material for "tissue flowers" will be sent by the Treasurer. Devices for interesting children have their value; & to a certain extent they should be encouraged. Hope you will be able to induce the Indians to repair your school house. One of our discouragements among the Cherokees, is the reluctance of the people to assist us in the matter of expense.

I trust you will find your work pleasant. You have two reasons for this. 1. You live in a kind, agreeable family. 2. You have a a blessed Master. He knows all about your labors, your disappointments, your sacrifices; & He is able to reward you even to the uttermost. What more can you need to make you contented & joyful in your present position! Missionaries should feel that, not only are they to perform certain duties, but they are to grow in grace, reflecting more & more the image of their Lord. In this, as in other things, will He be glorified.

Please to assure Mrs. Kenney of my affectionate regards.

Very sincerely
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston,
April 7. 1856.

Rev. C. Byington

Dear Brother

I have your two letters of March 3 & 7; & though quite unwell, I must say a few words. The last letter is not so hopeful as I had wished it might be; but I do not give up yet. At any rate, I rejoice that I have found that "warm place"! Whatever may happen I want to love, & be loved by, the Choctaw missionaries. The first shall be, God willing, whether the other is, or not, fully realized.

I want to correct a mistake you have made in regard to the letter to Mr Holden. It was my letter to him that I referred to. I never had heard of yours to him. If you look at my letter again, you will see that I suppose you to refer to my letter to Mr H. as the letting out of waters. I have explained the matter to Mr H.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. B.

As ever, Yours

friend & brother,

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
April 2. 1856.

H. Holden Esq
New York.

Dear Sir

Ill health has delayed my answer to yours of March 28; & even now I am obliged to be very brief. In reply to your three closing inquiries I have to state that Messrs Kingsbury, Byington, Hotchkin & Stark, under date of Nov. 13, requested a dissolution of their connection with the Board; that the Prud. Comee have asked them to reconsider the question, in the hope that they will withdraw their request; & that they, of course, are receiving their support from the treasury of the Board, as in past years. I have had a pretty strong expectation that the relation of these brethren to the Board would continue.

In reference to your inquiry in regard to Mr Byington's letter to you, I must say that I am ~~more~~ surprised that there should be any occasion for it. ~~[illegible]~~ & When I wrote to Mr. B. Feb. 4. 1856. I did not know that he had written to you. In my letter (which went very fully into the difficulties of the Choctaw mission, some of which have grown out of ~~[illegible]~~ newspaper discussions) I supposed him to say, "Was not your letter to Mr.

Holden the letting out of slaves?" I have referred to my letter book; & the matter is perfectly intelligible.

I am very respectfully

Yours &c

S. B. Treat,

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

P.S. I will write to Mr. Byington, & point out his mistake.

Miss. House Boston

April 3. 1856

Rev C. C. Torrey

[illegible] Ter.

Dear Bro.

your letter of March 4, & those [illegible] I will make a brief reply. I am sorry that we cannot settle the question of your location at once; but the thing is impossible. The slavery matter is one of great importance. Its issues reach far into the future. We must take time for it, even though "good" are lost at Stockport, & plans are deranged elsewhere. Already we hear a low muttering among certain of our churches; we receive it as a warning of the Lord, "Festina lente." I know it is hard for you & others. But when God places any burdens, he gives strength to bear it. It is good to be tried by him. He rewards abundantly.

This letter will be too late (for any suggestion in regard to the Spring meeting of the Choctaw mission. You may have decided what to do before it reaches you. If you conclude to stay at Fairfield during the summer, it shall be

Miss. Home Boston.

April 3. 1856

Rev C. C. Torrey
Indian Ter.

Dear Bro.

I have just rec^d your letter of March 4, & though unwell I will make a brief reply. I am sorry that we cannot settle the question of your location at once; but the thing is impossible. The slavery matter is one of great importance. Its issues reach far into the future. We must take time for it, even though "goods" are lost at Shreveport, & plans are deranged elsewhere. Already we hear a low muttering among certain of our churches; we receive it as a warning of the Lord, "*Festina lente*." I know it is hard for you, as also I. But where God places any burden, he gives strength to bear it. It is good to be tried by him. He rewards abundantly.

This letter will be too late for any suggestion in regard to the Spring meeting of the Choctaw mission. You may have decided what to do before it reaches you. If you conclude to stay at Fairfield during the summer, I shall be satisfied. If the goods are lost, never mind; the Lord makes it all right. We must wait patiently for the working out of this problem, whatever it cost. Time flies wonderfully.

I have heard from Mr. Byington, but I do not feel sure as to how the "four" brethren will decide. And it is possible that the correspondence may run on till autumn.

It will be important for us to show that we have used all diligence to seek the permission.

But I must pause. I have no light for you. You must look for it to One who giveth liberally & upbraideth not. Then you will not be disappointed in receiving whatever is best you should have.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. T.

Most truly & fraternally

Yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
April 4. 1856.

Rev. C. W. Wood
New York

Dear Bro.

I have done but little since you were here; & am hardly fit for work now. The doctor says my brain is overworked.

The Com.ee voted last Tuesday to request you to go to Washington. I cannot write as fully as I would; but I send the papers, which will explain all matters, & show you pretty much where the questions are.

1. The first thing is to get a title for the land at Bad River or Odanah. Mr. Manypenny promised Mr. W. to help him. I forwarded the papers, as you will see; but I have not heard a word in reply. It may be well to take less land than the whole amount asked. So Mr. S. Hall thinks; as you can see. If the money is needed at once, you can draw on Mr. Gordon. I hope you will push the matter through.

2. Please to talk with the Com.r as

to a boarding school at Black River. Mr Halls letter is full of wisdom, & will guide you. Do not commit us; but see what the govt. will do. I do not expect very much except vague generalities

2. I wish the govt. would aid us in giving the Dakotas boarding-school tuition. We have a small school at Mr. Riggs's which will increase. The best thing the U. S. can do is to allow us $100 a year for a certain number of pupils. They have a large education ~~fund~~ untouched.

Dr Williamson wants a school for boys. Please to see if the Comr. is disposed to do any thing in that line of things.

Your business will be mainly with the Comr. & I send a note of introduction.

Please to call on Chs. H. Stewart Esq. near the Treasury Building, & inquire in regard to the Osage money. He can [illegible] [illegible].

As ever my [illegible]

Ys

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
April 8. 1856

Rev. A. Wright
Senecas — Dear Bro.

Yours of the 31st ult. I read with great pleasure. It was multum in parvo. How can we get help in our boarding school operations?

Rev. H. A. Tracy says that he has got a teacher for the Dakotas. I have heard nothing more in regard to your two ladies; & now I shall not need either. Mr Anderson wants a first rate teacher for Madura.

Is there any trouble at Allegany? If so, what can be done? Can you mediate & settle matters?

Kind regards to Mrs. W. Yours
S. B. Treat

ceiving a account that the [illegible] House at Boston have-
d. I suppose it is the April [illegible] 1856 on the
mind of Messrs Kingsbury & Byington from the
Rev. John Edwards [illegible] from slave holders.
Choctaw Mission. Other things are unadjusted
for the time, & will not [illegible] the [illegible] opposition
[illegible]? I think it should. Your favor
of Feb. 26 came to hand recently, & last Tuesday
I obtained from the Com. the vote that you
be authorized to draw for the [illegible]
$200, [illegible] that your salary begin with the
year 1856 without [illegible] house.
Should you need a greater amount for the
"translating" &c. which may probably, I have
no doubt the "Com." will grant it. My letter
is [illegible] the [illegible] of the
[illegible]

If [illegible] writing, [illegible] to
hear in respect to the action of the "four
churches" [illegible]. I sincerely hope
that they will find no difficulty [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
in the Choctaw [illegible]
platform, [illegible]

every account that the question should be opened. I suppose the chief difficulty in the mind of Messrs Kingsbury & Byington grows out of apprehended opposition from slave-holders. But suppose the matter lies over unadjusted for a while, will not the supposed opposition be increasing? I think it would, unless there should be some new complication.

I should be glad to have you think of this. If the answer of the "four" is favorable to a continuance, well & good. That will suit us exactly. But if they shall hesitate about withdrawing their request, & even decline doing it, the Comee may possibly decide not to grant their request immediately, in the hope that the course of events will turn in favor of the solution which we desire. If therefore, when this reaches you, the four brethren shall be in the way of reaffirming their previous action, I should be pleased to have your opinion on the point I have now indicated. Will not time & quietness do away with all the opposition of the slave-holders? Affectionate regards to Mrs. F. & all with you. Very truly yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
April 11. 1856

Rev H. A. Tracy
Cincinnati O. Dear Br.

Yours of the 3d have received, announcing your success in procuring Miss Anna Ackley for the Dakotas. I presume you have advised Mr Riggs of her decision; if not, please to ~~tis~~ let him know when she will start, that he may take the proper steps. Needed funds you will of course supply.

If Miss Ackley is the appointee, we ought to have testimonials from her pastor & one or two others. See the Manual. She can start, however, without a formal appointment. Truly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
April 19. 1856.

Rev G. W. Wood,

Dear Bro.

Here are the papers from the land office; also Mr K's letter. I fear there is no help. Perhaps we are to have a general settling up at [illegible]. If it be the Lord's will, Amen.

The Allegany difficulty has broken out afresh. B. F. Hall talks all back. Shall we write to Mr Wright for advice, & to see if he will try his hand at an adjustment. Things look as if we should be obliged to retire from that Reservation. We will see.

Truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston.

Rev. L. H. Wheeler

Dear Bro.

You will have received my letter of Feb. 23, & are doubtless expecting to hear from me again. Not hearing anything from Washington, I requested Mr Woodbridge to write; he did so. He answered in April that nothing had been done about the titles; but he set matters agoing. This morning I have received the enclosed papers.

The lands, it seems, must be entered at Superior, I think, & the payments must be made there. You will of course take the necessary steps to secure the titles. If Mr Ely is at Superior, he may act for you; or some one else may do so. You can draw on Mr Gordon or Merriam for the money. I understand Mr Manypenny's letter distributes the land differently from yours. You are to have Lot 2, 3, 4 & 5 of your plan; Henry, east half of N.W. section (80 acres) & quarter section 1 & 2

& Miss Spooner Nos. 10. 8. 4. 9 Total 361.19 acres

I would submit the question whether you will need so much land. We are averse to going into such operations beyond the necessities of the case. I leave the matter, however, to your good judgment.

Mr Wood talked with the Comr in regard to the school. He seemed disposed to stand upon the plan of the Govt putting up the buildings. He says nothing definite, & has only promised to consider the subject.

I have some thought of visiting you in a few weeks; but I have not conferred with the Prudl Comee as yet.

Kind remembrances to you & all

In haste

Yrs &c

S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms, Boston
April 19, 1856.

Rev. A. Wright
Seneca

Dear Bro.

I have just read a letter from B. F. Hall, the [illegible] all the concessions he has made in the matter of Mr Potter; & the prospect is that the whole affair will get abroad. It seems to me that if this be so, [illegible] on that Reservation will probably be punished. Can any thing be done to arrest these [illegible] tendencies? I do not wish to have to go to Allegany to be a healer of the breach. The Comee are fully persuaded that I have quite enough to do. My brain begins to complain of over work. Besides, I must probably visit your Ojibwa station very soon. With Deputation matters & [illegible] matters, I do not need any enlargement of duties in the direction of trouble & trial. Can you heal the breach? Can you & Bro. Wood do it? Please to write soon.

Yrs very [illegible] S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
April 17. 1856.

Rev. A. Wright
Seneca. —

Dear Bro.

I have just rec'd a letter from B. F. Hall. He takes back all the concessions he has made in the matter of Mr Potter; & the prospect is that the whole affair will get abroad. It seems to me that if this is so, our work on that Reservation will probably be finished.

Can any thing be done to avoid these perilous tendencies? I doubt whether I can go to Alleghany to be a healer of the breach. The Com'ee are pretty persuaded that I have quite enough to do. My brain begins to complain of overwork. Besides, I must probably visit our Ojibwa station very soon. With Deputation matters & Money matters, I do not need any enlargement of duties in the direction of trouble & toil. Can you heal the breach? Can you & Bro. Wood do it? Please to write soon.

Truly yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
April 23. 1856.

Rev. J. Potter
Seneca M.

Dear Brother

Your letter of Feb. 27 & March 26 I have not over-looked or forgotten; the former, (an extract from which you will have seen in the April Magazine,) came when I was very busy; & so did the latter. In fact, I have overworked for nearly 2 years & am suffering for it. The "doctor" says so; & so the Comee think. I state this fact to explain my silence.

Besides, in reference to the old trouble, I really do not know what to do. I cannot go to Alleghany, & settle the difficulty, (if it can be settled,) without more time & "wear" of mind than I can give to it. I suppose I must visit Bro. Wheeler's Station on Lake Superior within a few weeks. That will be easier, fortunately for me. I have been considering what ought to be done, ever since your letter came; but am not clear as yet.

I do not ask for particulars now; for

I suppose I know enough for all present purposes. Br. Wood will be here soon; & I will confer with him. Next week I hope to have something definite. I will apprise you of any opinions or results which I may have to communicate as soon as possible.

Kind respects to all, Mrs B. [illegible]

Fraternally

Yrs, in haste,

S. B. Treat

Miss [illegible], Boston

April 25, 1856.

Miss [illegible]

[illegible],

Dear Miss [illegible]

Your favor of March 25, apprising me of your desire to visit your friends the coming summer, have duly received. I am sorry to hear that your health needs a little recruiting; but I can easily understand how the necessity may arise. Your labors are fitted to draw somewhat largely upon the strength of a body; & rest is doubtless desirable.

You do not speak of conferring with Mr Kingsbury on the subject of this visit. I presume, however, that you have done so, & that he gives his assent to the plan. The Prud. Com^ee on their part make no objection thereto; & I shall hope to see you face to face, before many months shall have elapsed.

Very truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
April 23. 1856.

Miss H. Goulding
Choctaws.

Dear Miss G.

Your favor of March 25, apprising me of your desire to visit your friends the coming summer, I have duly received. I am sorry to hear that your health needs a little recruiting; & yet I can easily understand how the necessity may arise. Your labors are fitted to draw somewhat largely upon the strength of a lady; & rest is doubtless desirable.

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Very sincerely yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
April 23. 1856

Rev. C. C. Torrey
Fairfield. Choc. Na.

Dear Brother

Before this letter reaches you, probably some light will have be shed upon your path; but at this end of the line we have nothing definite to say. From a recent letter of Mr Orr, I infer that he will leave early in May. In that case, I hope you will keep possession, & sustain the Station as well as you can, till we can consider the matter.

We love to be relieved from a state of uncertainty. We would rather "know the worst" than wait for the slow unfolding of God's plans. It is well for us to learn "to wait". *We* have many such lessons; you have *one* just now. Strive to profit by it. Look up to Him who can bless all our trials to us, & in whose clear vision "they serve that wait", as much as the most active. Kindest regards to Mrs T.

Fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Mission House, Boston
April 23. 1856

Dr James Orr,
Fairfield Clarke Co. Va.

My dear Brother

I acknowledge your letters of Jan. 31 & March 22 & 24. You may have left before this will reach Fairfield; in that event it will follow you, I suppose. It may be proper for me to say that if you desire to leave F. early in May, I think that it is perfectly proper that you should do so. For myself I should have preferred to have you stay, [illegible] [illegible] was adequately "wanted"; but as it would not be right in us to [illegible] at expense, in disregard of your plans & wishes. You have conferred a favor upon us by what you have done already; & we ought not to put you to any inconvenience for the future.

From some expressions in your last letter, I infer that you may suppose the [illegible] of getting you from [illegible] of the mission.

Now the fact is that I invited you & Mr. Ranney to take charge of Dwight indefinitely. Had my plan gone into effect, I presumed that you would probably spend your days there. Without any fault or privity of mine that arrangement was defeated. I was next informed that you were wishing to leave the Cherokee Nation, & would probably do so before long. In that event, F. would be left without a family; & Mr. R. could not stay there alone. Mr. Torrey was needed, as we supposed, very much at Lee's Creek. Here was a "fix". The best plan seemed to be to offer F. to Dr Palmer on the self supporting plan; & he accepted the offer. Thus F. was provided for, & Mr. Ranney was set free for itinerant labor, which I supposed he would willingly perform. This is the simple story.

It seems, however, I was misinformed in regard to your wishes, as I have been in respect to other matters. I confess that the question, "what ought to be done among the Cherokees?" has often been a hard one to answer. But I assure you that we have none but the kindest feelings toward you & Mrs. O.

Affectionate regards to her. Fraternally yours, S. B. Treat

Mission House, Boston
April 23. 1856.

Hon. G. W. Manypenny
Com'r of Indian Affairs.

Sir

I will thank you to send me a copy of your last Report. Though I have seen the most important parts of it, I shall esteem it a favor to have it entire for future use.

Very respectfully
Your obed't
Servant

S. B. Treat,
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House, Boston
April 2nd 1856.

Rev. T. S. Williamson
Mankato.

Dear Brother,

I received your letter of March 10th, also one from Mr. Riggs of March 4th, announcing the drowning of your dear boy. Both came together; & I read this first, it being of the earlier date. [illegible] I read with pleasure; but I did not dream that I was to hear such tidings concerning him.

And now what can I say to you? If you & your household were without the blessed support & consolations of eternal realities, it would be hard to write. But you know & believe that the Lord hath done it, & therefore that it is right & wise & good; feeling as the trial is, your High Priest, who can be touched with a feeling of your infirmities, knew how bitter would be the cup;

Still he will not withhold [illegible]. This should suffice; "whatsoever burden he lays upon me, I will cheerfully bear!" This is the spirit of every child of God.

I have lost four children, none, however, in such trying circumstances as you have described in your letter. But I have felt the rod, & shall all my days feel it. My only daughter, the light of my dwelling, is gone; & no other earthly object can fill the void. She was about eleven years old; we had not regarded her as a Christian. But as we came to know all her brief history, we were comforted with the belief that the Spirit had been leading her, when we knew it not, to the still waters. Yes we think of her as among the redeemed of the Lord in the presence of the Lamb, & heaven seems nearer to us than it once did.

Please to assure sister W. your sister & all of my sincerest sympathy. I feel much for you. I should have written earlier; but I have been quite unwell. I had an attack of neuralgia from overworking my poor brain. I am not fully restored even now. My illness prevented a notice of Smith's death in the Magazine for May. The next number will have one, I trust.

April 29. 1856

I expect to go to Lake Superior in June, to visit Bro. Wheeler. As there are some questions to be settled in that field; & I hope the excursion will benefit me. We have a great number of trying questions these days. The [illegible] has raised a storm, that will be quelled in due time. The Presbyterians are uneasy, & slavery is a perpetual trouble. The missionaries make [illegible] from some perplexities that we share. But our trials are of the Lord, & are sent for our good; that should reconcile us to them.

Rochester, N. York

Affectionately yours,

Mr & Mrs Hamlin [illegible]

[illegible]

me a good letter to show the [illegible]

Kind regards to all [illegible]

S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
April 29. 1856

Rev. G. Rockwood
Tuscarora — Dear Br.

Your letter of March 18 I recd March 26. also Mr Hayman's letters & I thank you for them. It is possible I may look in upon you in June; but I am not sure.

Some good ladies in Chelsea have made up some clothing for Miss Peck's school, & have directed it to be sent to you to the care of Mr Wm Alling, Rochester, N. Y., to be called for. He is the Herald agent. Please to send for it; & let Miss P. write me a good letter to show the ladies. Kind regards to all. Truly yours SB Treat

Miss'y House, Boston
April 29, 1856

Rev. S. R. Riggs:
Dakotas. — Dear Bro.

Yours of the 4th of March I rec^d April 4 I was shocked by the news of Smith Br's disaster. It was a terrible blow. I have written to the Br. this very day.

I am glad to hear so favorable an account of your school. You already know that a teacher has gone to your aid; I hope that she is now with you. I shall send another note concerning her appointment.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. R. & all with you. Truly yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
April 30. 1856

Mrs Anna Ackley
Near Hope

Dear Madam

I was very glad to hear through Mr H. A. Tracy that you had consented to cast in your lot with my excellent friends, Mr & Mrs Riggs. Their home is far away; but I have no doubt you will find it very pleasant. I am sure they will do what they can to make you happy. And of this service [illegible] your consecration of yourself to him in this service, (as I cannot doubt he will,) what more can you need? May he [illegible] his richest blessing upon you.

The Board [illegible] at their meeting yesterday appointed you formally an assistant missionary of the Board. I had requested Mr Tracy to furnish you the necessary papers. I shall be happy to hear from you in respect to your school especially.

Affectionately yours

S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House Boston
April 30. 1856

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Dakotas — Dear Bro.

Mrs. Ackley was duly appointed an assistant missionary at our meeting of yesterday. Please to give her the accompanying notice of the fact.

I requested Mr. Wood to visit Washington recently, partly with a view to a conversation with the Comm^r of Indian Affairs in reference to schools among the Dakotas. He promised to consider the matter. This may be all.

Truly yours, S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
April 30. 1856

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New Hope.—

Dear Madam,

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Affectionately Yrs

S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House, Boston
May 1. 1856

Rev. S. A. Worcester
Cherokees. Dear Bro.

I have yours of April 16. We shall have no Com.ee next Tuesday, I presume, as the Secretaries are to be in New York; & hence there can be no action in the matter of your coming north. But I am sure that they will give you permission; & you can venture to plan accordingly. I will write again about May 14.

Kind regards to Mrs. W. & all.

Fraternally Yr.
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
May 3. 1856.

Mr. H. K. Copeland
Granville, Ohio

Dear Bro.

Yours of March 25, I have received. I presume you received my letter in regard to the allowance before you left. If not, I will say that I wrote asking your views & wishes, that so I might have something appropriate to present to the Com.ee We do not give all that is asked in all cases; but we like to know what is desired. I shall expect to hear from you soon. Affect. regards to Mrs C. Very resp. S B Treat

Miss. House, Boston
May 3. 1856.

Miss Emily Jessup
South Hadley Ms.

Dear Miss J.

Yours of May I received yesterday. I do not know which school Miss B. is requested to take; it therefore; I cannot speak particularly in reference to the proposed field of labor. Mr. Potter will give all the needed information; in the circumstances, I should think it better for Miss B. to take the school experimentally. It will be a novel scene to her; & she may not wish to remain permanently.

Very, truly yrs,
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
May 3. 1856.

Mr. B. F. Hall
Allegheny. — Dear Bro.

Your letter of April 9 I have read with deep sorrow. Whereunto is this matter to grow? If it becomes generally known that there is a difficulty between you & Bro. P., especially such a difficulty, I shall fear that the work of the Board on your Reservation is done. Our worthy Bro. can't stand much more.

I have requested Bro. Wright to visit Allegheny as a mediator, & he will go if he has not gone. I hope to hear, "It is peace."

Yrs. Aff. S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
May 3. 1856.

Rev. A. Gleason
Seneca ab. ny. Dear Bro.

Yours of April 28 has been received. Amid a multiplicity of cares, with indifferent health, I must reply very briefly.

I do fear that my father can be enlisted for the bell. He talks "the orphan school" more; but how much he will do for it, I cannot predict. Cannot Gen'l Williams be induced to buy the bell? Get him to visit you, & make a speech, & hear speeches in reply; & he will do it, I am sure. He only needs to see the Senecas to do it. You must have the bell. Kind regards to all.

Truly yrs, S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

May 5 1856.

Miss E. P. Wise

Lowell Ny. Dear Miss W.

I have just received your note of May 2, & as I am just going to New York, I must be brief.

I supposed that I might want your services among the Indians but there is no vacancy. The lady at Tuscarora that was to leave, concluded to remain. I know of no other place.

The difficulty at Allegany has been settled; & now it is breaking out again. I have requested Mr. Wright to go there, & strive for peace.

In haste, very truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
May 6th 1856.

Rev. Saml. A. Worcester

Park Hill
Cherokee Nation.

Dear Bro.

In the absence of Mr. Treat, I have laid your letter of April 16th before the Pr. Committee.

In reply I have the pleasure to say "Come, by all means, with your daughter. We shall be happy to see you." You have been at your post I think about a quarter of a century — It is time you made a visit to New England —

Your friend & brother
S L Pomroy

would (according to our Missi. House, Boston, to separate you from the May [illegible]. 1856 States Rev. C. Byington, "we have not implicated Choctaws, or slaves; but suppose you wish to keep the Sabbath & protect the property of the Boarders, for an [illegible]" I have to acknowledge your letters of March 12, April 23 & 29. The two last I have this moment received. I do not propose to go into this "endless perplexity," the slavery question; & I write mainly to thank you for the kindness which breathes in your epistles, & to say a word or two as the author of the Committee's letters, [illegible]. Your last letter, of the "four", with the addenda, has been before the Comee twice. We are pained by the prospect of a separation, & have been somewhat doubtful as to what we should say. But I have been directed to draw up [illegible] a pending meeting. [illegible] my engagements & absence at the [illegible] of the Com. that was [illegible], in the [illegible] [illegible] may go by the same [illegible]. I shall call your attention to evidence, to one point which you have overlooked, i.e. the effect of our granting your request. This would (according to our established usage) be to separate you from the mission & the stations of the Board. You have not indicated your wishes or plans; but I suppose you wish to keep the stations, the property of the Board, &c. & go on with your work, with this difference only that you are supported by another body. Is not this the fact?

If so, your request is not the proper one, & your wishes are to be reached in another way. There are certain preliminary questions to be considered also. But I shall speak of these matters more fully, when I have time to present them to all of your number.

If a separation is to occur, I shall do all in my power to make it as satisfactory to all parties as possible. If we are to part, of which I am not quite sure, let everything be done in the kindest & most Christian manner. The interest of the Board, the missions of that body to which you may go, is the same as there is no antagonism in the case, & let us not create any. I wish all our churches to retain their affection for you &

mission to the end. It should be glad as ever to keep you before them as objects of love & subjects of prayer. I deprecate the idea of any tendency of sympathy between you & your friends. I would place the matter on this basis. As the mission is situated, we can work with less embarrassment, if connected with another body. But in real interests & attachments, we will not hear of any severance. When the external tie is both sundered, we will hold fast the inward & closer & stronger tie. Just say over, that be the tie, that is my idea.

That while carrying out the views herein set forth, or rather indicated, some time will be needed. The thing can't be done in the best way unless it is done slowly. There are some questions you will have occasion to look at as a mission, that cannot well be settled till your Sept. meeting. I shall want reports from all the stations, as in past years for the annual report. Don't forget this. Let us [illegible] in the next Report as fully as in past years. Kindest regards to Mrs. B. & the stations. Yours most fraternally

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
May 21. 1856

Rev C. C. Torrey
Fairfield Cher. Na.

Dear Brother

Your valued favor of April 17, I have received & laid before the Com^ee^. We approve entirely of the course which you have pursued; & whatever may take place hereafter, none of us will have any cause of regret for your omission to go to Yazoo Creek. All has been done that needed to be done in the premises.

There [is] but little hope of retaining the Choctaw mission. Their condition, (the taking the back track by the Board,) is of course inadmissable. The publication of such a letter would injure them. I shall write to them soon, rather carefully, briefly in respect to this condition, & [illegible] to the alternative request. Please to give
grant their request my report. I send [illegible]
connected from the Bo. Kindest regards [illegible]
or the station. This is not very fraternally Yours

S. B. Treat

presume, though they have never indicated their ulterior plans. They will have occasion to consider this matter again.

I do not see very well how this question can be adjusted before the coming autumn. There are questions of property to be looked at, to say nothing of other matters. Meantime you will wish to know what you are to do. I do not think that you ought to be kept in Arkansas any longer. Please to write to me at once what are your wishes. Do you desire to stay at Fairfield? (This, I have no doubt, is the choice of the Cherokee mission.) If you do, I will write to Mr. Palmer at once, & endeavor to adjust the matter with him, so that you can remain. I have some fears that Mrs. T. will find the climate rather trying in her state; nothing but a fair experiment will show how she is to be affected. If you remain at F. it may be well to have the matter settled soon, that you may have your name there in the Report. Please to give me the materials for my report. I send herewith printed circulars. Kindest regards to Mrs. T.

As ever very fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
May 22. 1856

Rev. G. W. Wood.
New York. Dear Bro.

The 2d letter of the Choctaw missionaries I sent to you May 14. It has not come back. Have you sent it? If not, retain it, till I go to N. Y. It is desirable that I should have a free conference with Mr Wilson, (neither of us to act for our Com^ees but purely *as Secretaries* in regard to the Choctaw mission. I propose to leave here Friday 5 ½ P.M. & see him Sat. morning, if he consents. Will you see him, & telegraph me, if he can*not* see me. If he *can*, you need not telegraph,

Truly Yr S. B. Treat

Mission House, Boston
May 22. 1856

Miss A. G. Child
Choctaws.

Dear Miss C.

I learn through Mr. Chamberlain that you may possibly have the feeling that I should have written to you after your trial at S. & not been content with kind messages. I am not surprised that you have this feeling; & perhaps I am in fault. But the fact is, I have too much work upon my hands; & I am obliged to do many things hastily & imperfectly. I have all the publications, the Indian missions, besides a great deal of miscellaneous interruption & duty. The questions relating to the Deputation have drawn largely upon my thoughts; & they admitted of no delay.

At the time when I should have written, I was suffering from neuralgia, growing out of over-work. The physician told me that I must let my brain rest, or the trouble may grow. I could not comply wholly; but I compromised the matter. I have now stated the reason of my silence.

I assure you that I felt the treatment which you received at S. very keenly. I have not the least idea that you were in fault; for all that I have heard of you, through Mr Chamberlain & others, has been decidedly in your favor. The wrong done you I regard as inexcusable; & yet in the missionary work we must bear many things for Christ's sake. He will make up to us all that is lacking in the service of others.

I rejoice that Miss Goulding's place is to be so well filled. I have a very pleasant remembrance of Pine Ridge & all its inmates. Whatever may be the future relations of the Board & the Choctaw mission, I am resolved that I will love the missionaries as well as ever. And there are none that I honor more highly than Mr & Mrs K. & Miss Bennett. Please to assure them of my kindest regards; also Mr & Mrs Lathrop, whom I am sure you will like. May the blessing of our common Saviour be upon you all.

Very affectionately yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
May 27. 1856.

John Tawse Esq
Edinburgh —

Dear Sir,

Our Commissioners have just held their annual meeting. The accounts of Mr Lord have been submitted to us; & after being duly examined, they have been approved. I am duly authorized to draw for £194. 50. The bill will doubtless come in due time.

I know not whether Mr Lord has written to you or not; but I will take the liberty to enclose a copy of the important part of his letter to me, from which you will learn what he has done during the past year in behalf of your society.

The time has not come for Mr. Wright's report. The Indians, around him, I am happy to say, are making commendable advances in knowledge, the arts of life, & (as I hope) in the love of the gospel.

Very respectfully & truly yrs
S. B. Treat. Sec.

Miss. House Boston
July 28. 1856

Rev N. Lord DD
Hanover N.H.

Dear Sir

At our meeting held yesterday, your account was approved, & I herewith send a remittance for $174.50. Extracts from your letter I shall send to Scotland.

Very respectfully
Yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston

June 16, 1856

Rev. A. Gleason

Seneca — Dear Bro.

Your letter of June 5 I laid before the Com. this P.M. & they give you & Mrs. G. permission to visit your friends at the east, in the hope that you may both be "set up". I am not sure that I shall see you. I am thinking of starting for Lake Superior next week.

Kindest regards to sister G. & Anna & all —

In haste

Yrs &c

S. B. Treat.

Mission House, Boston,
June 17, 1856.

Rev. L. H. Wheeler
Odanah, Wis.

Dear Brother

Yours of May 16 is rec^d & I presume you have heard from me since you wrote, & are looking for me about these days. My present plan is to leave Boston so as to reach La Pointe near the 14th or 15th of July. Something may change my plan, however.

I am looking for your teacher, but have none yet secured. Just the man whom you want is hard to be found. But I will not go into mission questions now, as I hope to see you & speak face to face.

It is possible that my father may go with me.

Present my kindest regards to Mrs W. & Miss Spooner.

Fraternally Yours,
S. B. Treat.

Missionary House, Boston
June 17, 1856.

Rev. S. L. Hobbs
Choctaws,

Dear Brother

I little thought that yours of April 24 would remain unnoticed till now. At first I waited till we should have more light in regard to the Choctaw mission's relations to the Board; & then I was prevented from writing by the pressure of other labors.

You will have inferred that I have seen yours to Mr. Gordon, May 22; for an extract therefrom is in the Herald. I rejoice that there is so much encouragement.

I have not replied to the Bennington letter, but shall very soon. I think the matter will come before the mission in Sept. Then the question may come up, as to what you will do. What is your wish? Suppose the rest go to the Presbyn Board, will you go with them, or remain alone, the Choctaw mission of the Am. Board? What is best, on the whole? This is an important inquiry.

I trust you will consider it prayerfully, not deciding hastily, but taking into the account all the facts & considerations which should influence your course.

I am sorry to lose the Choctaw mission I am sorry to be sundered from the Choctaw people. But the feelings of the brethren are such that our continued cooperation is quite doubtful. Perhaps peace & the good of the Indians require us to separate.

I trust Miss Slate is happy in her work, & that all things go on pleasantly at Lenox. I often think of you; & another I doubt not, ever thinks of you. May it always prove a blessing!

Kindest regards to Mrs. H. & Miss Slate

Fraternally

Yours

S. B. Treat.

P. S. I shall need materials for our Annual Report. I trust you will give me the facts for Lenox

Miss. House, Boston
June 17. 1856

Rev C. Kingsbury
Choctaws.

Dear Brother,

It seems to be pretty clear that the relation of your mission to the Board will not be changed till autumn, whatever may take place in the end. I hope to submit a letter to the Prud. Comm. in reply to the one from Doaksville very soon; just now I cannot do it. That will probably be in season for attention at your Sept. meeting.

Mean time we shall need the materials for our Annual Report. Please to give me the facts for your station, just as if there were no possibility of a separation, &

Your affectionate
brother in Christ
S. B. Treat.

The above was also sent to
Rev. E. Hotchkin — O. P. Stark —
" John Edwards — C. C. Copeland

Miss. House, Bost.
June 17. 1856.

Mr C. C. Copeland,
Franklin Mills, Ohio.

Dear Brother.

For the old reason, want of time, I have not sooner answered your letters of May 26 & May 27. I must be brief now. The Comm. authorize you to draw for the $84; & we think you are very considerate in your requests, more so than some others.

We have not heard from Messrs K & C. in regard to Phillips. As soon as we do, the Comm. will act. If they recommend any sum, I have no doubt it will be granted.

Kind regards to Mrs C. Very truly yours,
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
June 17. 1856

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Miss. House, Boston
June 17, 1856

Miss L. W. Hall
Rehoboth Ms

Dear Miss H.

The Cherokee mission have requested us to send another teacher to Park Hill, in case you are not to return. This action seems to make it incumbent on me to ask what is the prospect of your resuming your labors. I shall be very happy to have you go back, if you are able. Of this you must be the judge. Please to let me hear from you in two or three weeks.

In great haste

Very truly yours S B Treat

Miss. House Boston
June 17, 1856

Rev. C. C. Torrey
Cherokee Mission

Dear Bro.

I must look to you for a report from the Fairfield station. Please to make as full a statement as you can, with the needful statistics.

You will have rec^d my last letter before this reaches you. I shall hope to hear from you soon.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. T.

Fraternally yrs
S. B. Treat

P. S. We shall hope to send a teacher to F.

Miss. House, Boston
June 17, 1856

Rev W. Willey
Cherokees. — Dear Bro.

I send herewith the usual questions which are to aid missionaries in furnishing us at the Miss. House with the materials for our annual report. I trust you will ~~give~~ write at an early day & giving me as full a statement as you can.

You will see the greater part of the report respecting your churches, adopted at Lees Creek, in the July Herald. Kind regards to Mrs W. & Miss [illegible]

Very truly Yours, S. B. Treat.

Mission House, Boston
June 17. 1866.

Rev. J. C. Emory
Clarksville — Dear Bro:

I beg leave to call your attention to the matter of your furnishing a report for this Circle, at an early day, that I may have the material for our annual report. Also to write for us some accounts of the meeting at your station. The report you will see by the minutes of the July Monthly.

Kind regards to Mrs. B. & your lady associate.

Fraternally yrs
W. B. Treas

Miss. House, Boston
June 17. 1856.

Rev. S. A. Worcester
Cherokees.—

Dear Brother.

Your letter of May 12. I have received. A part of it you will see in the Miss'y Herald.

In regard to the teachers called for, I will say that I have written to Miss Hall, to know if she can return to Park Hill. If she cannot, we will see what we can do. But are you not coming to New England? Perhaps you have decided to come, & are on the way. If so, we shall be very glad to see you; & you can look up just such teachers as you want. The Annual Meeting is to be the 4th Tuesday of Oct.

I have consulted the Com^ee in regard to the Honey Creek Church. They will save you harmless from any sums which you may have advanced to the pastor, Mr Hupp, to liquidate the debt upon that building, supposing the same not much to exceed $50.

We are not quite through with the Choctaw mission. We shall probably ask them to consider the matter again in Sept. They ask for a release, which, apparently, cuts them off from the mission & the stations. This, I suppose, they do not want. If they wish to be supported by another Board, they should ask to be transferred, or ask leave to seek a new connection, we having a voice in the new arrangement. There are questions of property; & then we must see that a proper provision is made for the churches. Hence the case must go to the next meeting of the Choctaw mission, that the mission may act if it will, or, if otherwise, that individuals may take such steps as may be proper.

Kind regards to Mrs W. & family

&c — Very affectionately

Yrs

S. B. Treat.

P. S. Let me hear as fully as may be in regard to Stoney Creek

— S.

Missions House Boston
June 17th 1866

Rev. T. S. Williamson
Dakotas —

My dear Br.

Yours of May 8th [illegible] rec'd & laid before the Com^ee. They cheerfully give you permission to attend the next meeting of the Board, according to your request. We have just fixed the time: 1st Tuesday of Oct. It is late (too late for us) to accommodate the Com^ee & the Deputation appointed at Albany.

Let me request you & Bro. Riggs through you to send in your reports, that I may have the material for our Annual Report. We shall be able to start some advance [illegible] as they require [illegible] in great haste, as I am going out of town tomorrow morning. It is now [illegible] of the [illegible].

Kind regards to [illegible]. [illegible] all the mission, & [illegible].

Fraternally Yours,
S. B. Treat

Missio. House Boston
June 6. 1856

Mr. J. C. Chamberlain
Choctaws.

Dear Bro.
I had before me your letters of April 14, 15, & 23. I have waited for a letter pleasant to write you, especially in regard to your remaining at S. a while longer; but I have waited in vain. Tomorrow I go for 3 weeks, or the absence of a fortnight, & yet I must, though late, say a few words to you.

I must confine myself to the one topic of chief interest, your remaining where you are. The question pending between the missionaries & the Com^ee cannot be adjusted at once. They have not considered one aspect of the case. If released as they request, they are cut off from the mission & the stations. This, I presume, they do not want. If they wish to come into connection with another Board, their request should be shaped accordingly. There are important matters to be adjusted, before we are finally sundered. This they will perceive, I have no doubt.

In this state of things, it seems very desirable that you should remain at S. for the present. This is the wish of the Comm^ee and I hope you will stay & see us through. After that, it will be for you to say what course you will take.

I submit the question for your consideration, hoping that you may comply with our wishes.

I have written to Miss Child, explaining my silence.

Kind regards to Mrs. C. Miss G.
&c &c

Fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

Mission House Boston
June 18. 1856

Rev. C. C. Copeland
Cleveland, Choc. Na.

I have read yours of May 6 before the Com. They have voted that (1) the Mission's unsold property be assigned to Messrs C. C. Copeland, Hotchkin & Stark, they being at liberty to sell or distribute it among the missionaries as they shall think best; (2) that the question of the Board's being [illegible] to the letter might be submitted to the Choctaw mission for its advice.

In great haste
Yours &c. S. B. Treat

Yours of April 16. is rec'd.—

July 8th 1856.

Rev Wm Hall,
London, Mich.

Dear Bro.

On my return from a brief absence, I find your letter, with those of F. & you. I have thought of this subject but with pain; & what the end is to be, I am quite ignorant. I am unable to go into the matter personally, because I have so much to do. I am in danger of breaking down, though I don't speak of it ordinarily.

I requested Mr Wood to visit Allegany, because I could not go, & I had confidence in his kindness & discretion. I gave him all the papers which I had, to aid him in his investigations. This was certainly proper. That copies were obtained by Mr P. I did not know before. I had no agency in this.

You don't say whether I may show F's long letter to Mr W. I shall wait for your consent in all probability. I expect to spend next Sabbath at Cattaraugus, leaving here Friday morning, & taking a boat Monday evening for our Ojibwa mission, or as near it as I can go. I dread the excursion; but it seems to be necessary.

I shall of course confer with Br. Wright in regard to Allegheny matters, & get what wisdom I can from him.

Please to assure Mrs H. & the children of my affectionate regards

As ever,

Fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Missionary House, Boston,
July 8. 1856.

To Rev. Messrs Kingsbury
Byington
Hotchkin
Stark

Dear Brethren

To your letter of April 15 we have endeavored to give the consideration which its importance demands. We had looked for the withdrawal of the resignation which you tendered to us on the 13th of November. Instead of doing this, however, with the concurrence of Messrs. Copeland and Edwards, you now submit the following alternative: "If the Board will withdraw all past legislation on the subject of slavery, give up all control of it to the missionaries, to act according to the instructions of the New Testament and their own best judgment, and make distinct public announcement of this, we will withdraw our resignation; if not, we wish it to be accepted, to take effect Dec. 31. 1856." You also leave it to the discretion of the Committee either "to refer the "foregoing proposal to the [illegible], or accept your resignation. We sincerely regret that the answer could not have been more in accordance with our wishes. We freely concede, however, that you are the best judges of the "embarrassments" of your position.

The first question which the Committee are now to consider is this: "Shall we ask the Board, at its next annual meeting, whether it is its pleasure to withdraw all past legislation on the subject of slavery?" If we take this course we shall probably be asked the question, what is the precise object of the Scottish brethren? Do they wish the Board to rescind all its legislation on the subject of slavery by a general vote; or do they desire the abrogation of certain specific acts of legislation? If the latter, what are the acts to which exception is taken?" We confess that we are not prepared to answer these inquiries. Indeed, we are not sure that we apprehend the meaning which you attach to "legislation". Suppose the Board were to annul its past legislation on this subject by a comprehensive resolve, would the Brooklyn report escape? If it would, what else would fall within its unnecessary! And yet we have never understood of you to object to the doctrines of this paper. Your difficulties, if we are not mistaken, are quite as much with matters that are not legislated on as with those that are. The 2d branch of your proposal we are also constrained to regard as somewhat indefinite. Permission as to the subject of "slavery the missionaries to act according to the instructions of the A.B. & their own best judgment," might conflict with principles of very great importance. If you have in mind only such a control as interferes with your rights and prerogatives as ministers of Christ, we must frankly say that we do not know when or where it has been exercised or claimed by the Board or the Comm. On the contrary, special care has been taken, as it seems to us, to avoid such a result. If you mean a control that does not interfere with your rights and prerogatives as ministers of Christ, the matter is so grave that it would need to be stated with special distinctness & explicitness, before it should be passed upon by the Board. That which we have thus said, makes it unnecessary for us to advert to the 2d branch of your proposal. And there are other questions growing out of this subject which we might discuss; but we have no occasion to examine them at the present time.

In these circumstances we do not feel prepared to lay your proposal before the Board, nor do we feel prepared to grant your request for a release. In truth we have serious doubts whether you have considered the effect of such a measure. In all cases, hitherto, the dissolution of a Missionary's connection with the Board has also terminated his connection with his Mission and his station. This is the necessary effect of a simple release. You have not apprised us of your ulterior designs; but we have not supposed that you wished to relinquish your stations to others; & it seems to us very undesirable that you should do so. But if it is your wish to continue at your present posts, doing the work which you have carried forward for so many years, with such signal success, your application to the Committee should come in a form that will answer more completely to your intentions.

There are other topics in your letter, as also in that of Nov. 13, upon which we might offer some comments. For example, you do not seem to have apprehended the precise import of the sentence in our letter to the Choctaw Council, which referred to the letter of June 22, 1848. We did not intend in that communication, to foreshadow any change of policy in regard to your mission. Indeed, we had no change in prospect. Again, you appear to attach a broader meaning to the report adopted at Utica than we have supposed it to possess. But we will not enter into these questions. We wish you to review the whole subject once more. You may find your circumstances so changed by the lapse of a few months, that you will have no difficulty in retaining your connection with the Board. If so, we shall sincerely rejoice. We love the Choctaw mission;

we love the Choctaw people. We shall continue to do so, whatever may be our relations to each other. It is with much heaviness of heart that we contemplate the possibility of our withdrawal from that interesting field. Still if your separation from the Board is important to your success as a mission, it will be our duty to acquiesce.

In behalf of the Prudential Committee

I am, dear brn, most
sincerely yours

S. B. Treat
Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

Missionary House, Boston
July 10th 1866

Rev. Mr. B. F. Hall
Seneca; Dear Bro.

The lady of whom I spoke some time ago has gone beyond my reach; & I have no other in view. I am in search [illegible] of two teachers for the Cherokees.

As to any change in your domestic arrangements, I am unable to advise you, by reason of my ignorance of the circumstances. The mission are your best advisers.

I hope I shall spend Sab. at Cattaraugus on my way to Lake Superior. Kind regards &c

S B Treat

Miss. House, Boston

July 10, 1856

Rev. P. P. Osunkhirhine

St Francis, Canada

Dear Bro.

Your letter of Jun 16 I have rec'd but cannot answer it now. I have been away, & must start again for Lake Superior to day. Will think of your question, & consult the Com^ee^ on my return. I think they will say that Canada is a better place for Indians than the U. S. Here they are overrun & rooted out. The Canada government is more considerate.

Truly yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
July 10. 1856

Mr H. K. Copeland
Franklin Mills, O.

Dear Bro.

In 2 hours I start for Lake Superior to see Bro. Wheeler, spending the Sab. among the Senecas. I have only time, therefore, to say that the Com^ee. agree to pay $169 to Phillips which you can draw at once. This is in accordance with Mr Edwards' recommendation.

Kindest regards to Mrs C
Very truly yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston

July 16. 1856.

Rev. S. A. Worcester

Park Hill C. N.

Dear Brother,

The committee have appropriated the $50. you ask for to refund the $50 you advanced toward the Meeting House at Honey Creek.

Mr. Treat has gone to see some of his Indians at the western extremity of Lake Superior.

To day is Commencement at Harvard – & tomorrow our friend Bacon delivers the oration before the Φ. B. K. He tells me his subject will be "The relations of Christianity to Law & civil government." 36 years ago we were juniors at Andover.

Your friend & brother

S L Pomroy

Sec. L. L.

Miss. House, Boston
July 16. 1856.

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Hazlewood, Minn.

Dear Bro.

According to your request, the Committee have appropriated $50 to bear your expenses from Cin. to New York to attend the meeting of the Board — which is to be held there the last week in October. I hope you will come. Perhaps, contrary to your expectations, you will both do good & get good.

Mr Treat is out in your regions somewhere — on Lake Superior.

Yours fraternally

S L Pomroy
[illegible]

Miss. Hous Boston
Aug. 6, 1856.

Rev A. Wright
Senecas. —

Dear Bro.

Have just back, having had a prosperous journey by the will of God. I could not stop at Bro. Rockwood's as I wished. I spent last Sabbath at Saratoga, attending the monthly concert, &c.

I ordered 2 doz. Empire water for Mrs W. It was to be sent to the rail road Aug. 4, by Mr Weston, directed to you. Evans Centre, Buffalo & Cleveland R.R. If it does not come write to Mr. Weston.

Affect. regards to Mrs W & all
Respect. Yours &c
S B Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Aug. 18. 1856

Rev C. C. Torrey
Cherokees. –

Dear Brother

Your letters of June 18 & July 14. have duly received. The latter I laid before the Com^{ee} at the last meeting; & I avail myself of the first opportunity to reply.

The Com^{ee} are accustomed to throw the responsibility of important decisions upon the missionaries, as far as is proper, for obvious reasons. They are to say, in the first instance, whether they think they are called to the work, & also (in general) whether they will go to a particular field or not, it being understood that the Com^{ee} wish to send some one there. So in this case they would like to have you decide the question, whether you will remain at Fairfield, on its broad & well considered merits. You know the case, as it affects yourself, better than any else, & better, indeed, than we can know it.

On the other hand, you are entitled to our views on important points; hence I myself & the Com. are in opinion that two or three particulars tend to incline us to think that T. ought to be abandoned. Still this is not very clear.

2. If you should remain there, we think the arrangement is the best which we can make.

3. If you decide to continue where you are, we shall rejoice, & say, "It is just as we would have it."

This, I suppose, is all that you expect from the Comee & all that you need for your decision. And I pray that God will conduct you to a ~~righteous~~ wise result, one that you will hereafter regard with satisfaction!

If you decide to remain at T. will you want a teacher sent to you from the north? I presume you will. If so, it is desirable that Mr Worcester should take her back, with one for Park Hill. Can you send me word, so that I can get one for you? If you write immediately, I will do the best in my power.

Mr. W. now intends to return in Oct. He does not expect to be at the meeting of the Board in Oct. But if I can get your answer in season, I will make a strong effort to supply you with a teacher.

My kindest regards to Mrs. T.

In haste,
Very fraternally
Yrs
S. B. Treat

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Rev. [illegible]
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Dear Bro. [illegible]

Yours of the 17th July came to the Mission House while I was absent on my visit to Red River. I had a prosperous journey by the will of God. I found the prospects better than I [illegible]. The Indians are beginning to take a start; & I hope to see a good deal of progress in a few years. The Sept. Magazine will give you some information in respect to my stay at Red River.

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Miss. House, La Pointe.
1 Aug. 1856.

Mr. Chs. Pulsifer
Oconee, Shelby Co. Ill.

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I am sorry to hear that your sight has not improved more; & I also regret that your labors on the farm are not more successful. But our God doeth all things well. He makes no mistakes. His plans have a long reach; we see but parts of his ways.

Should you need any additional aid by reason of your disappointments, please to inform me. The kindness of the Com.ee you can rely upon.

Kindest regards to Mrs P.

Affectionately & fraternally
yours

S. B. Treat

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to draw when you please.

I should esteem it a favor to know your mind in regard to the best policy to be pursued by the Cherokee mission. The results which they have obtained there, are not such as the Com.ee had hoped to see. Why is it?

Kind regards to Mrs. Orr.

Yours very truly

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Aug 19. 1856

Mr James Orr
Marietta, Ohio.

Dear Brother

Your letters of May 20 & July 19 have received. The last came to the Miss. House while I was absent. I have been visiting the Ojibwa mission, on Lake Superior.

At the last meeting of the Comee I laid your request for an additional allowance, in the matter of travelling expenses, before them. They cheerfully make the grant of $78.93, which you are at liberty to draw when you please.

I should esteem it a favor to know your views, in regard to the best policy to be pursued by the Cherokee mission. The results which we have obtained there, are not such as the Comee had hoped to see. Why is it?

Kind regards to Mrs. Orr.

As ever, very truly yr
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
Aug 13, 1856.

Rev. G. Rockwood
Tuscarora.

Dear Brother,

Yours of July 14th came to the Miss. House just after I left for Lake Superior; and I have not been able to notice it since my return till now. [illegible] no one else [illegible] it. I hoped to take [illegible] on my way home; but my plans were not carried out as I intended. At some other time I shall hope to see you. I spent a Sabbath at Cattaraugus, & there were several matters which it seemed to require a conference with Bro. Wright. [illegible] the [illegible] notes the Com^ee at their last meeting gave their consent to the visit to Miss. R's sister, which you mention. [illegible] the [illegible] for [illegible] action. I hope it is not too late, [illegible] hearing the story of Mr. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Affectionately [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Augt. 19. 1856.

Miss C. Y. Hancock
Cherokees. —

Dear Miss H.

Your letter of June 21 reached the Miss. House, while I was on a visit to the Ojibwa mission. Mr. B. had read it; no one else has seen it, or will see it, except myself.

You will not be surprised to learn that I read it with much sorrow. Any want of harmony in our missions is always lamented at the Miss. House. In your case it is especially unpleasant, as you have been but a short time in the work; & all our hopes of your happy cooperation with Mr & Mrs R. are blasted.

You do not expect me to go into the "merits of the case". This I certainly could not do, if I wished, without hearing the story of Mr & Mrs R. It would not be right to form any judgment affecting them, without giving them a chance to explain. "Hear the other side," is an ancient & sound direction.

You wish me to express my preferences in favor of your going to Dwight: whether I think best &c. I am quite willing that you should go, if you wish. I do hear that the arrangement had been made for you to go with the approbation of all parties, I should rejoice. But Brainerd people fear is one that we do not like to contend against the wishes of the missionaries. He is in truth a mission of them. They are the best judges of what should be done; hence we should be careful about your going [illegible] that you have something in mind that

Now the missionaries will sanction the transfer I have no doubt, if the parties at Dwight given their cordial assent, if they then think [illegible] the exchange, however, no doubt would properly be done. This statement, I apprehend, will show just where the difficulty lies. There it must be removed. If you can obtain the approval of the brethren at Dwight, all will be plain & easy.

In regard to the other suggestion, that you build a house with Cherokee aid, I hardly know what to say. Several questions would arise. Is the house to cost the Board nothing at all?

who is to say for the board of the [illegible] whether the plan to be carried out under your auspices, or not? It will be obvious to you, I think, that if the school is to be our school in any sense, it must come under the control of the mission. They must sanction its commencement, & must direct its subsequent working. We should violate our own principles, if we were to inaugurate such an operation, & carry it forward, independent of the mission.

You do not state your plan fully; yet I suspect that you have something in mind that will require the action of the mission, before we can act. As to the course of the Com^ee I cannot speak with confidence. Much would depend upon the case as it should be presented.

You will say, perhaps, that my letter leaves you in "an evil case". I favor none of your "plans or wishes". But I am sure you do not wish us to violate our settled principles. As you are connected with the mission, you are under our system; & we cannot change it for light reasons. If that system does not accord with your views, or if in the instance it works badly, you are fairly entitled to a release from it. You say perhaps that you wish to remain among the Cherokees, & try to do all the good you can. This is a laudable wish; but if you do not feel willing to act in connection with the mission, I see but one way of carrying it into practice. You can leave the mission & take a Cherokee government school, supporting yourself with the salary, & then pursue the course that seems to you wisest & best for the Indians. By this plan, they would have the benefit of your labors, & you would have no embarrassment in your work.

Remaining as ever
Very Sincerely
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,

Rev. J. K. Edwards,
Charleston.

Dear Brother

I am in the receipt of your letters dated May 26, June 5 & July 18. The first you will have seen in our publications. The second led to an application for the relief of Phillis, on the basis which you suggested. Your remarks on the questions which now perplex us, I have read with the deepest interest. The difficulty which you suggest in regard to persons who might trouble you, I have often thought of. I have been obliged to exert myself somewhat to forestall apprehended evils from this quarter, & I must think the quiet which you now enjoy at home, is owing in part to my efforts. But I am not sure as to the future. Storms arise very suddenly & very unexpectedly in these days; they might come from your region also.

The plan for [illegible] suggested & proposed at Bennington is regarded as impracticable. Our connections are just as strong [illegible]; only they are in the opposite direction. We feel quite sure that our ground is impregnable; & I think it is very undesirable that the Board, our Churches, & probably your Churches, should be agitated by a new discussion, that must be fruitless of good. If the missions remain of their present mind, the best thing to be done is for them to ask a transfer, on the ground that they can carry forward their work more successfully in connection with the Presbyn. Board. If the letter is short & kind, involving no matters that need to be discussed, the change can be made quietly & pleasantly, with mutual regard & mutual affection. Have talked freely with Mr. Wilson; & we agree perfectly as to the mode in which the transfer should be made. It is desirable for your sakes as well as ours that we avoid a public discussion. If such a thing once begins, we know not what the end will be. If the ed. of N.Y. Observer should try to put us in a false position, as it did in 1855, we might feel obliged to go into a history of the question, which it were best for all concared not to publish. Our wish is to place the mission under the care of the other Board, (if the change must be,) in as good state as possible; but we do not wish to be damaged too much in the process. We have the gift of silence to a considerable extent; but there is a point beyond which we cannot go.

I shall look for your next letter with much solicitude; & I pray the Great Head of the Church to give you & us the wisdom which you so much need. I hope you will take all the time which you need to consider the question; for it is more important that you act wisely than speedily.

In regard to a teacher, I feel the embarrassment. It would not be right to send one out without letting her know the state of our relations to you; & we should dislike very much to open the budget in this way, not knowing what might come of it. Cannot a person be obtained by you or your associates? This, of course, you will be authorized to do.

Kindest regards to Mrs C & all with you

Very truly yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston

Aug. 19. '56

Miss P. G. Child

Choctaws — Dear Miss C.

Yours of July 10th I have read with pleasure. It came while I was gone to Lake Superior to see the Ojibwas.

You are doubtless at Pine Ridge, a spot which I remember with great interest. May the Lord to make you a rich blessing to your school. And may your missionary life be made the means of developing your piety. So ought it to be in all cases.

But I am in great haste, & must close. Very truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Aug. 14. 1866

Rev. C. Kingsbury
Choctaws.

Dear Brother

Yours of July 1. received with your report, & the hymn books have been dispatched according to your request. Hope they will reach you in due time. We think that you had better not [illegible] long. I thank you for your report. You have had, indeed, a changing year. Miss Aiken gone to Wheelock — then to Kansas. & now Mrs. Lathrop leaving your [illegible] building. Miss Bennet gone also; Miss Goulding about to leave you after [illegible] years, & she has left Miss Child [illegible] places. But you have much reason to rejoice, in that you have found such helpers for those [illegible] God is [illegible] that matter should be fully considered by [illegible] the letter which you wrote in behalf of the Committee. May the Lord give you the needed wisdom! [illegible] affectionate feelings [illegible] than we can [illegible]. Fraternally yours, S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Aug. 19. 1856

Rev. P. P. Osunkherhine
St. Francis.

Dear Brother:

I have read your letter to the Prud. Com^e. & I am directed to express their views, in reply to your inquiries, after the following manner:

1. We think that you had better not contemplate for a moment a removal to the States. You would be pretty sure to fare harder amid our restless & emigrating millions, that you would in Canada.

2. Upon the question whether you will improve your condition by a change of residence within the limits of Canada, we have no opinion. We are not sufficiently possessed of the facts. If you think that the matter should be fully considered by judicious friends, I would suggest that you take the advice of some of your good men, in Montreal & elsewhere. They can tell you what is best for your people better than we can.

3. We trust that no change will be made, in the expectation that our expenditures will be increased. Such are the demands upon us, with the probability of a large increase, that we shall not feel able to do more in this direction. In fact, we are keeping down our expenses for Indian missions, in order that we may have more for Mission Asia, &c, where our work is so prosperous.

This matter is one which you will need to consider. You have a church now; how will you get another? You have a house now for your family, how will you get another? So of other things.

With these suggestions, I leave the matter, praying that you may be wisely & safely advised, & yet above all may have the guidance of Him who never errs.

Fraternally yours,

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Aug. 23, 1856

Miss E. J. Hancock
Cherokees.—

Dear Miss H.

I wrote to you at some length four days ago; perhaps you will have received the letter before this reaches you. I have this moment had your note from Fairfield placed in my hands, with the report of your school. I see not how I can vary from what I have said. I sympathize deeply with you; but changes in a mission must be made with care. If the brethren will not place you at a different station, I cannot do it. You suggest the commencement of a school at some other place, that is, away from a station. In the present state of things among the Cherokees, we should not be willing to open such a school.

With your feelings towards Mr & Mrs. R. perhaps the best thing will be for you to take one of the Cherokee government schools. In this way you will labor among the people, receiving a competent support; & we shall not be required to infringe upon our principles. Should you wish to take this step at once, & avoid going back to Lee's Creek, you need not wait to hear from us. We will consider your course as perfectly honorable, though you act without our express sanction.

Praying that you may be guided into all wisdom & prudence, & do that which is well pleasing to the Great Missionary, I subscribe myself,

Your sympathizing friend
fellow-laborer
S B Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Aug. 26. 1856

Rev J. Potter
Kill Buck, Catt. Co. N.Y.

Dear Bro.

Yours of Aug. 16 I have read before the Comm. to day. They give their assent to your visiting these parts, at our expense, of course. I shall be glad to see you, though I cannot promise you much time, unless it be in the night. For all Sept. I have work enough for two men. Come nevertheless.

Kind regards to Mrs P. [illegible], &c. &c.

Truly yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Aug. 28. 1856

Rev Geo. N. Smith
Old Wing. Mich.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of Aug. 11. I have received through the kindness of Mr. Wheeler, with a letter from him, recommending your labors & your request to the Prud. Comm^ee^ of the A.B.C.F.M. At our last meeting the subject was duly considered; & I now inform you of the result.

We are much interested in all efforts in behalf of the Indian race; & it has been our pleasure to aid therein according to our ability. It happens, however, that we are very much in debt, $36.000; & the prospect of a speedy deliverance is not good. Our operations are necessarily expanding, by the law of our enterprise; yet our receipts do not keep pace therewith. Our Comm^ee^ have just resolved to build a Miss. Ship, & enlarge their plans in the Pacific from a sort of necessity; & we shall be obliged to do the same thing elsewhere. In these circumstances the Com^ee think that they cannot assume the charge of your operations.

Very respectfully & fraternally

Yrs

S. B. Treat

Rev. G. Rockwood

Tuscarora. — Dear Bro

Yours of [illegible] ult. came to hand yesterday. This afternoon I have conferred with them in regard to the absence which you propose to take your daughter to So. Hadley. Leave is cheerfully given; & as to the expense, they say that if you find yourself unable to meet it easily from what you now receive, you may charge it to the Board. This I presume will be satisfactory. We have no general rule that exactly reaches the case.

Kind regards & wishes to R & all

Truly yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Sept. 2, 1856

Rev G. Rockwood
Tuscarora. — Dear Bro

Yours of the 28th ult. came to hand yesterday. This afternoon I have conferred with those in regard to the absence which you propose to take your daughter to So. Hadley. Leave is cheerfully given; & as to the expense, they say that if you find yourself unable to meet it easily from what you now receive, you may charge it to the Board. This I presume will be satisfactory. We have no general rule that exactly reaches the case.

Kind regards to Mrs R. & all
Truly yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept 11. 1856

Rev. A. Wright
Senecas. — Dear Bro.

I am to leave the country in a few days, being ordered away by my physician. The case admits of no delay. I want you, therefore, to write the report for your mission. I believe you did it in 1850, so you understand what is needed. Say what the Prudential Com. should say to the Board, & you will hit the mark.

Bro. Potter will tell you why I go abroad. I can say but a few words now.

Truly yrs S B Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept. 25. 1856

Miss L. W. Hall
Rehoboth, Ms.

Dear Miss Hall.

Your request I have laid before the Comm^ee & they have granted the same. We regret your inability to return to Park Hall; but it is of the Lord; & we have nothing to say. You have our best wishes for your future welfare.

I leave to morrow for Western Asia, via Italy & Greece; by the direction of Dr Jeffries. I have overworked, & must rest.

Very truly yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Sept 25 1856

Rev. [illegible],
Oconee, Shelby Co. Ill.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of Sept. 9 has been laid before Pru. Com. They have cheerfully granted you $100. & you may draw for that sum.

I am under the necessity of leaving my work for a few months. I leave for Western Asia tomorrow via Italy & Athens. My physician lays his strongest injunctions upon me to avoid all mental effort. I expect to return in good health. Kindest regards to Mrs P. Fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept 25, 1856

Rev. W. Willey,
Cherokees — Dear Bro.

Your report I have just rec^d. In regard to other matters mentioned in your letter, I can say but a few words. I have been directed to suspend my labors, & go abroad for some months, as I am seriously overworked. Indeed, I can make scarcely any mental effort. I leave tomorrow for Western Asia. Mr. Worcester will explain the matter more fully.

As to what shall be done at Dwight, I am still in the dark. I have desired the mission to recommend some-course, as they know the facts better than I do. I have supposed that you would take their advice as to alterations, &c; & upon your & their opinion the Comee would be prepared to act. This is the proper way, if you wish changes to be made. We cannot incur any considerable expense without the vote of the mission. This is in accordance with our rules; & we see no reason to make an exception in the case of the Cherokee mission.

Just at this time I should not think it wise to make ~~[illegible]~~ changes that are not clearly necessary. I am not at all sure but the slavery excitement will involve your mission. We may be broken up in a year or two; for it is impossible to see whereunto the question will grow. An effort may be made to secure the Indian Territory for the South at an early day.

I am sorry that I cannot write more at length; but my brain protests, & I must pause.

Kind regards to ~~Mr. &~~ Mrs. W. & Miss Spain

Fraternally

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Sept 25. 1856.

Rev L. Armsby
Chester, ~~Vt~~ N. H.

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the 22d I would say that I presume Rev. Mr. Neill of St. Paul can put you in a way to procure a Sioux Dictionary. There are many copies, I believe, in Minnesota; & some one of them you can obtain, I have no doubt. If he fails you, Mr Riggs, our missionary, may help you. Indeed, it would not be amiss to write to him first. "Rev S. R. Riggs, ~~Ca~~ Pajutazee, Min. Ter."

Yrs ty S. B. Treat

Miss'y House Boston
Sept 26. 1856.

To the Cherokee Mission
Dear Brethren,

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But I must commend [illegible] who is faithful, & bid you farewell. May his grace be imparted to you & yours; & may his Spirit dwell in you even to the end!

Fraternally & affectionately Yours,

[illegible]

Miss'y. House Boston
Sept 26. 1856.

To the Cherokee Mission

Dear Brethren

I am called in the providence of God to leave my post for a time. My physician informs me that an overworked brain must have immediate rest, or the consequences will be very serious. This day, therefore, I depart for Western Asia *via* Italy and Greece, expecting to return in June next.

It is a severe trial for me to go from home for so long a period; but if I am to serve the Board hereafter, the case is quite clear. And I trust the Lord will bring some unexpected good out of a dispensation that for the present seemeth to be grievous. His wisdom is never at fault.

I regret that the Indian Missions may be obliged to suffer some inconvenience from my absence. All necessary business, however, will be attended to; matters, that can be postponed till my return, the Comm^{ee} will wish to have delayed, for obvious reasons. Letters may be directed to me, as if I were at home.

But I must commend you to Him who is faithful, & bid you farewell. May his grace be imparted to you & yours; & may his Spirit *dwell* in you even to the end!

Fraternally & affectionately Yours,

S. B. Treat, Sec^y

Miss. House Boston
Sept. 26, 1856

Rev J. Edwards,
Choctaws. —

Dear Bro.

Yours of the 1st inst. I have received. & I have requested Mr Wood & others to do what they can in procuring a teacher for you. Mr S. A. Worcester, I suppose, will go to the Indian Territory early in Nov. & might take one with him.

The accompanying letter will show you what changes are passing over my history. I bow submissively, knowing that all things work together for good to them that love God.

Kind regards to Mrs E. & all. Yrs. S.B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Sept. 26. 1856.

Rev L. H. Wheeler
Ojibwas —

Dear Brother

The accompanying letter will show what changes are passing over my history. I bow submissively; for I know that I am in the hands of one who will care for me infinitely better than I can care for myself.

My physician advised me not to go to Washington on business. Hence I have requested Mr Wood to go in my stead. He will report the result in due time.

Mr Wood will write the report on your mission. I am sorry that I can not do it, as I might say some things that he will not be able to say. Of necessity, he will be shut up to a limited range of facts & considerations.

Affectionate regards to Mrs W. & all with you.

As ever, most truly yours
S B Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Oct. 8. 1856.

Rev. S. A. Worcester
Park Hill. C.N.

Dear Bro.

The committee have authorized you to pay to Mr. Foreman 2 dollars per Sabbath for supplying your pulpit in your absence — agreeable to your request.

Yours fraternally
S. L. Pomeroy
per L. S.

Miss. House, Boston

Oct. 8. 1856.

Mr. J. D. Chamberlain

Eagletown, Choc. N.

Dear Bro.

In reply to yours of Sep. 12. allow me to say that the committee give consent to the proposal in your letter, to secure the services of a Miss Parker of Granville, O. — if she can be had. If she cannot be had, it is possible Mr. Copeland may be able to secure some other suitable person.

Mr. Treat's health has failed, & his physicians have ordered him off to Europe. He is on his way to Western Asia, not expecting to return before next Spring. How we shall manage to get along under all our burdens, I don't know. May a gracious God send us aid from above.

Yours fraternally

S. L. Pomroy

Sec. &c.

Miss. Rooms, Boston
Oct. 8. 1856.

Rev. C. C. Torrey
Fairfield. Choc. N.

Dear Bro.

In reply to yours of Sept. 13th, I would say that I have consulted the committee, & they are of opinion that, in existing circumstances, it would hardly be expedient for your brother-in-law & his wife to go out as assistant missions. But Mr. Worcester is now trying to secure Miss Brown of Ballardvale – & if she cannot be had, he will try another. The committee will be glad to furnish you with a female teacher, if practicable. With a debt of $36.000, we must consult economy wherever we can.

Judging from your letter, the prospect

for the missions of the Am. Board in the Choctaw nation, is rather dark. I trust, however, the cloud will be lifted up after a while. At any rate, "duties are ours; events are God's."

You will be sorry to learn that Mr. Treat's health has given out, & the physicians have ordered him off to Europe — & he is on his way to Western Asia, not expecting to return before next Spring. How we shall manage to live under our increased burdens, I don't know. Pray for us —

Your friend & brother

S. L. Pomroy

Miss. House. Boston
Oct. 6. 1856.

Rev. P. P. Osunkhirhine
St. Francis. C. E.

Dear, Brother

Your letter dated Sep. 22. was duly received. According to your account of things in upper Canada, we think you do well to remain where you are, & do the best you can, in the circumstances.

As to a school for your children, I do not know of one where they could be sent in the way you suggest. But if I should hear of any school where they could go, & where part of the expense would be paid by others, I will let you know.

Mr. Treat is out of health & gone to Europe, on his way to Turkey - & will not return before Spring.

Yours very truly S L Pomeroy
Sec. A.B.

Miss. House, Boston

To Messrs. Kingsbury, Byington, Oct. 10. 1856,
Hotchkin, Stark, C. C. Copeland &
Edwards - of the Choctaw Mission -

Dear Brethren

Your letter dated at "Lenox Sep. 6. 1856." was duly received. Mr. Treat's health has failed & the physicians have ordered him off to Europe, which he has probably reached by this time. He intends to visit Western Asia before his return. An "overworked brain" is the cause of his illness - but we hope he will return in the Spring recovered & in usual health.

Your Estimates for 1857 have been received. In the absence of Mr. Treat, & under all the circumstances of the case, it was deemed best that things should remain as they are for the coming year at least. Your support will be continued. Meanwhile, perhaps light will arise on your part, & on the part of the Committee, & the path of duty be made plain to all concerned. The doings of the Committee are embodied in the "Minute" to be found on another part of this sheet. Very sincerely - Your friend & brother

Minutes of your Annual Meeting at Lenox - received.

S. L. Pomroy
Sec. ad int.

The following Minute was adopted by the Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, October 7, 1856; namely:—

"A letter from six members of the Choctaw mission, dated Sep. 6, 1856, addressed to Mr. Treat in reply to his letter of July 8th, was laid before the Committee. The missionaries express their regret, that the letter of Mr. Treat does not place them in a situation to withdraw their letter of resignation; but at the same time, after an exposition of their views in regard to the action of the Board upon the questions which have been the subject of discussion between them and the officers of the Board, and of what they consider to be their rights and duties as missionaries, they state that they are willing to remain in connection with the Board, Therefore,

Resolved,— That while the Prudential Committee, on their part, retract nothing of what has been said or done by the Board, or themselves, they see no objection to making the usual appropriations for the Choctaw Mission for the ensuing year, as soon as the estimates shall have been received."

A true copy from the Minutes.

R. Anderson,
Clerk of Prud. Com.

Missionary House, Oct. 9, 1856.

Miss. House, Boston
Oct. 15. 1856,

Rev. C C Copeland
Mt. Pleasant Choc. N.

Dear Brother,

In the minutes of your late meeting at Lenox, we find the following: "Resolved, That in consideration of the services of Rev. Allen Wright in our Mission, we recommend the Prud. Committee to give him the Mt. Pleasant Station." This is no doubt all *plain* to you, & would be perhaps to *Mr. Treat*; but the rest of us do not know exactly what it means. Taken by itself, it *seems* to mean that you would like to have Mt. Pleasant Station given to Mr. Wright as a *reward* for services rendered to the Mission. My *first* thought was, that you simply wished to have Mr. Wright put in charge of Mt. Pleasant Station. But the language seems to mean something same. Please interpret. As Mr. Treat is gone, the correspondence will devolve on Dr. Anderson & myself. Tho I shall probably have most of it to do.

Please inform Miss Goulding that she is authorized to visit New England at the expense of the Board, agreeable to the recommendation of the Mission.

Yours fraternally

S. L. Pomroy

Sec. A.B.

I think I will write Miss Goulding myself & not trouble you.

Miss. House, Boston
Oct. 15. 1856.

Miss Harriet Goulding

Pine Ridge Choc. N.

The recommendation of the Mission, that the expenses of your visit to New England for the benefit of your health, be defrayed by the Board, was very cheerfully concurred in by the Pru. Committee.

We hope & pray that your journey may prove greatly beneficial, & that you may long be spared to labor for the kingdom of Christ.

Very Sincerely
Your friend & brother

S. L. Pomeroy
Sec. &c.

Miss. Rooms, Boston

Rev. G. Rockwood Oct. 23. 1856.

Tuscarora Mission

Dear Brother

Your letter of the 18th inst. is before me, & I have time only to say, that enclosed are $30 to send your boys to *Ohio* or elsewhere to school. Your letter cannot be acted on by the Committee until after the Annual Meeting; but I have very little doubt that they will grant you an allowance of the same you named, *$222*, or so. Meanwhile, you can send on your boys, as you propose.

Yours truly

S. L. Pomroy

Sec.

Miss. House. Boston

Rev. J. Edwards Nov. 7. 1856.

Wheelock. C. N.

Dear Brother

Your letter of Oct. 9th was read to the Committee yesterday, & they have instructed me to say that, if they understand your statement, the $833.33 or $1250. (as the case may be) properly belongs to the Board. You will know, therefore, what to do with it, when it comes into your hand.

The meeting at Newark was one of great interest. We have not yet heard from Mr. Treat, since his arrival in England. Yours fraternally,

S. L. Pomroy

per L. A.

Miss. House, Boston

Nov. 12. 1856.

My Dear Brother

In accordance with your great request, the Committee have appropriated you an extra grant of $222.00 — May the blessing of God rest on your dear family, & make you all abundantly useful in building up his Kingdom.

The news from Mr. [illegible] is favorable, he is now at [illegible].

The "Morning Star" is to be launched to day at 12 o'clk.

yours fraternally,

[illegible]

[illegible]

Missionary House, Boston,

1856.

[illegible] Mission

My dear brother

[illegible] to inform you [illegible] yesterday [illegible] Mr. Dole [illegible] of the Board, [illegible]

Yours,

R. Anderson

Missionary House, Boston,

Nov. 19. 1856.

Rev. Joseph Potter,
Buck Tooth, N.Y.

My Dear Sir,

I am happy to inform you, that the Prudential Committee yesterday appointed Miss Catharine W. Dole an assistant missionary of the Board, & designated her a teacher to the Seneca Mission. Be so good as to apprise her of this fact, & to tender to her our congratulations & our best wishes & prayers; & believe me, as ever,

most truly Yours,

R. Anderson,
Sec. of A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House, Boston

Dec. 3. 1856.

Miss E. Y. Hancock

Seed Creek, Cher. N.

Your letter of Oct. 22. reached me Nov 13th, & would have been answered sooner but for the pressure of cares & labors, which are always numerous & heavy enough, but have been increased by the absence of Mr. Treat. I presume no one but Mr. T. & myself saw your letter written in June, to which you have referred. I saw that you felt very much troubled & tried by various things, & regretted it. I had no doubt that you were anxious to do all you could for the welfare of the people to whom you were sent." However, I trust that you will ever feel that all things are ordered by Infinite wisdom, & in the eyes of our dear Christ's, we shall be more than satisfied.

I am glad to learn that you are back in your former field, & hope the "pleasant change" of which you speak, will be "permanent" – & you will be abundantly blessed in your labors, & see, at last, many souls in the kingdom of heaven, who have been rescued thro' your instrumentality.

We had a good meeting at Newark,

as you have already seen by the papers. The "Morning Star" sailed yesterday about 10 A. M. The children & youth have already sent in money enough to pay for her, & more too.

Mr. Treat, I suppose, is now in Italy, & intends to visit Greece & Turkey & Palestine before he returns.

The rest of us here are in our usual health —

May you have much of the Saviour's presence, & ever be guided by Him in the path of duty & eternal life —

Very sincerely
Your friend & brother
S. L. Pomeroy

Miss. House, Boston
Dec. 22. 1856.

Miss Maria F. Arms
Springfield, Vt.

You are aware perhaps that Mr. Treat is in Europe. His health failed & the physicians ordered him off on a voyage. We hope he will return in May or June & resume his accustomed labors.

I was reading your letter when a copy of the Herald, for January, was laid on my table. I opened & found your name there still — tho' marked among the "absent". We will see that it is omitted in future. May you have much of the presence of Christ in all your sicknesses —

Your friend & brother
S. L. Pomeroy
Sec. A. B.

Miss. House, Boston

Rev. W. Willey Dec. 22. 1856.

Dwight Mission. Cherokee N.

Dear Brother—

In relation to the expenditures referred to in your letter of Oct. 22., I would say, that the Committee have devolved the responsibility on the Cherokee Mission. It will be for them to decide what shall be done in the case. You can therefore lay the matter before them the first opportunity you have. The Mission will of course report to the Miss. House, what they do.

Mr. Treat is probably now in Rome, on his way to Syria &c. & will not return before May or June.

Your friend & brother

S. L. Pomeroy

for Sec.

Missionary House, Boston,
Dec. 25, 1856.

Brethren of the
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Brethren,

With this I send you the appropriations for 1857, which have been unavoidably delayed, chiefly in consequent of Mr. Treat's absence, & the pressure of business consequent on the lateness of the Board's annual meeting. They correspond, I believe, with your estimates.

The Prudential Committee voted agreeably to the request in ~~Dr.~~ Kingsbury's letter of Nov. 25th, that Mr. Wright be allowed $200 for the latter half of the year 1856.

I beg you will not regard the [illegible] brevity of our correspondence for a while to come, as indicating any want of interest in your welfare & happiness. Dr. Pomroy, as Home Secretary, has, as you perceive, a pretty serious task before him in getting the $350,000, & the means of paying the debt besides. Happily the field on which he is to labor is now free from storms. My own duties are exceedingly pressing.

Copies of the Report of the Special Committee of Thirteen were sent you by mail. I enclose a printed statement, which will show you [illegible] the side from the majority, were ~~the~~ the ecclesiastical relations of the Evangelists against [illegible] the Madura Deputation. The effect of the discussion has been good in the whole community, & perhaps the better from the great magnitude of the misapprehensions & misrepresentations.

You will perceive that one of the principles acquired by the Board (not then settled, for they ~~were~~ have long been our established principles) apply to decide your case. The "Outline of Policy" pr

Arch. of A. B. C. F. M.

the Prudential Committee, embodied in the Report of the Special Committee, could not set forth the ecclesiastical freedom of missions ~~[illegible]~~ more fully. I trust you will be able quietly to pursue your work, & that the blessed Spirit will ~~[illegible]~~ ~~his blessing~~ vouchsafe his presence.

I send you copies of the proceedings of the Ceylon & Madura Missions. They may be suggestive to you. I have long thought that perhaps your churches might profitably be urged to a greater independence, in point of fact, of all foreign aid.

But I cannot now enlarge, except to assure you that I am, dear Brethren, with great esteem & affection,

most truly yours,

R. Anderson,

Secy of A. B. C. F. M.

Miss. House, Boston

Rev. Asher Wright Jan. 6. 1857.

Catt. Reservation.

Dear Brother

The Committee have authorized me to say that your request is granted. You can come to Boston "to procure the Seneca types", at your convenience, with their approval.

Mr. Treat was at Rome then last week from health improving, as we hope.

Your friend & brother

S. L. Pomroy

Sec. [illegible]

Miss. House, Boston
Jan. 14. 1857.

Mr. J. D. Chamberlain -
Eagletown, Choc. N.

Dear Brother -

Your letter of Dec. 16. came safely to hand, & was laid before our Committee yesterday. You have their consent to close your school "the last Thursday in May" - & have leave to come to Mass. in the way you propose, provided your Mission give their consent. To get the opinion of your brethren in the case, you will of course have to write them -

We hope Miss Dester will not give out.

Kind regards to her & to your family

Yours fraternally
S L Pomroy
[illegible]

Miss. House, Boston
Jan. 22. 1857.

Rev. Joshua Potter
Upper Allegheny –

Dear Brother –

We have heard from a reliable source, that the difficulty between yourself & Mr. B. F. Hall, which we supposed was all settled, *is still in being*, & exerting an unhappy influence upon the mission, & the cause of religion in your vicinity. We do not know the merits of the case – & Mr. Grant who might inform us perhaps, is not here. I write, therefore, to ask you *to state in writing your own views of the case*. What is it? Where lies the blame? How can it be settled? We are grieved that there should a "root of bitterness" existing to trouble the Mission, & to attract the attention of brethren in the neighborhood. It is important that the Committee should have a full view of the case, if possible. Let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours fraternally & truly

S. L. Pomeroy

per L. G.

Mr. West was in Italy
the latter part of December,
not quite so well.

Miss. House. Boston
Mr. B. F. Hall Jan. 22. 1857.
Lower Allegany N. Y.

Dear Brother -

We have heard from a reliable source that the difficulty which existed sometime since between you & Mr. Potter - & which we supposed was all settled - is still in being, & operating injuriously to the Mission, & the cause of religion in the vicinity. The particulars we do not know, & Mr. Treat is absent. In order that the Committee may have a fair view of the case, I write to request you to send me in writing your view of the difficulty, just as it lies in your mind. What is it? Where lies the blame?

How can it be healed! We are grieved to hear that any "root of bitterness" should exist to trouble your mission. Please state the whole case just as it seems to you – & let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours fraternally & truly

S. L. Pomeroy

Sec. &c.

Mr. Treat is now in Italy. His health not yet fully restored.

Miss. House. Boston
Rev. A. B. Bull Jan. 22. 1857.
Sinclairsville. N.Y.

Dear Bro.

We are greatly obliged for your letter of the 12th inst. which reached us today. We none of us know the merits of the case; Mr. Treat is in Italy; & in order that the Committee may be able to form some judgment in the premises, as to what course ought to be pursued; I have to ask of you the favor of *stating to me in writing* the *main facts* & *features* of *the difficulty*, *as they appear to you*. We knew that there *was* a difficulty there, awhile since, but *supposed* it was settled. We are grieved that there should be any thing in that mission to do injury to the cause of Christ; & we are anxious to have it removed as soon as may be. It must be settled in some way.

Let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Your friend & brother

S. L. Pomeroy,

Sec. A. B.

Miss. House, Boston

Rev. S. L. Hobbs M.D. Jan. 28. 1857.

Lenox Choc. N.

Dear Brother—

The letter of Dec. 19th which you sent to Bro. Wood, was laid before the Committee yesterday. You have their consent to make a visit to New England the coming Spring or Summer, provided such brethren of your Mission as you may be able to reach by letter or otherwise, shall give their consent. You will doubtless be able to consult quite a number of them, if not all.

We trust your visit, if made, may prove a blessing to yourself & Mrs. Hobbs, & to the Mission with which you are connected.

Mr. Treat has been heard from once at Rome: but his health not quite such as we could wish.

Very Sincerely

Your friend & brother

S. L. Pomeroy

Sec. Ass.

Miss. House, Boston
Mr. Charles Pulsifer   Feb. 4. 1857.

Rosemond. Ill.

Dear Brother -

Your letter of Jan. 12. was duly received, & has been laid before the Committee. In consideration of the circumstances of your case, they voted to comply with your request - The Treasurer has accordingly remitted you $150 - as an allowance for 1857.

May you have much of the presence of the great & blessed Master.

Mr. Treat, when last heard from, was at Rome - & may be expected home in April, perhaps. Health rather discouraging.

Your friend & brother

S. L. Pomroy
Cor. Sec.

Miss. House, Boston
Feb. 11. 1857.

Elias Butler M.D.
Van Buren. Ark.

Dear Brother—

I read your letter to the Committee yesterday, & also Mr. Treat's letter to you under date of Feb. 7. 1856. They instruct me to say that they would like to have you answer Mr. Treat's letter, mentioning some specific sum, as they have no data from which to form a judgment.

Mr. Treat has been in Europe since last October — & is now perhaps at Athens or Smyrna in pursuit of health.

Yours fraternally
S. L. Pomeroy
per. L. L.

Miss. Rooms, Boston
Feb. 11. 1857.

Rev. Cyrus Byington
Stockbridge. Choc. N.

Dear Bro.

I read your letter of Jan. 13. to the Committee yesterday. They cheerfully gave their consent that Mrs. Byington should attend the graduation of her son at Marietta next summer.

May grace, mercy & peace be multiplied to the Choctaw Mission & Nation.

Mr. Treat, when last heard from, was at Rome, intending to visit Naples, Malta, Athens, Smyrna & Constantinople. Health rather better.

Yours fraternally S. L. Pomeroy
pr. Secs.

Miss. Rooms. Boston
Feb. 23. 1857.

Rev. J. A. Worcester
Cherokee Nation –

Dear Bro.

Your Mission at their late meeting" [illegible] Miss [illegible] of E. Swain [illegible] the North [illegible] missions." No reason was assigned in the letter of Mr. Jones. Our Committee always ask "why?" in such cases. Will you be so kind as to tell me the facts in the case – & kind regards to Mrs. W.

S. L. Pomeroy
Sec. Am. B.

Your brother John is here just now. All well.

Miss. House. Boston

Mr. Edwin Lathrop Feb. 24. 1857.

Pine Ridge. C.N.

Dear Sir -

Your letter to Mr. Wood, dated Jan. 8th, was laid before the Prud. Committee to day. Knowing nothing of the case except what you have stated in your letter, they have instructed me to say that, in the circumstances of the case, it will be proper to ask the Mission, at their next meeting, whether, in their judgment, your relations to the Board should be dissolved - Will you, therefore, have the goodness to lay the matter before the mission, & ask them to give the committee their opinion in the premises.

Supplicating for you in every emergency the wisdom which is from above — believe me —

Very sincerely

Your friend & brother

S. L. Pomeroy.

Sec. A.B.

Miſs. House. Boston

Mr. J. D. Chamberlain Mar. 18. 1857.

Choctaw Miſsion

Dear Brother.

Your letter of Feb. 14th was received a few days since, & has been laid before the committee. They were somewhat perplexed as to the proper course for them to pursue; because it is a rule to which they usually adhere, that when miſsionaries leave their fields to return home, they must have the consent of their miſsions, as well as of the Prud.l Committee. However, it was finally concluded that you have leave to visit the North as you propose," with the understanding that subsequent proceedings in the case be left for correspondence after the return of Mr. Treat" which will probably be in May or June.

Mr. Treat's health was not fully restored when last heard from; but we have hope that he will be able to resume his labors on his return.

Very sincerely,

Your friend & brother

S. L. Pomroy

Sec. A.B.C.

Miss. House. Boston
Mar. 18. 1857.

Mr. B. F. Hall
Seneca Mission

Dear Brother

I have letters from various sources regarding the difficulties between you & Mr. P. & H. am constrained to think it will be necessary for some to visit the mission in order to effect a settlement. The subject was brought to the notice of the committee yesterday, & the conclusion was, that it should lie on the table till Mr. Treat's return. Whoever may be to blame in the case, it is certainly a most lamentable affair - & cannot be allowed to continue many months. Such a state of feeling, as must necessarily exist in such circumstances, cannot but grieve the Holy Spirit of God. Rather than have it continue, I think it would be better to have both stations left vacant.

Praying that you may in all things be guided by the wisdom which is from above

Believe me

Very sincerely

Your friend & brother

J L [illegible]

Miss. House, Boston
Rev. J. Potter
Mar. 10. 1857.
Seneca Mission N.Y.

Dear Bro.

I have received letters from several sources in regard the difficulty between yourself & Mr. H. & am clearly of opinion that it cannot be settled except by the presence of some one from the Missy House, & perhaps not then. The subject was brought to the notice of the Committee yesterday, & the conclusion was, that it should lie on the table for the present. Mr. Treat is expected in May or June, & then, if not before, something must be done. Such a state of feeling as seems to exist cannot but grieve the Spirit of God, & greatly injure the cause of Missions. I may mind, it would seem a *less evil* to have both stations abandoned. I do not undertake to say *where the blame lies*, but such a state of things is so *rare* in the history of the Missions of the Board, that we hardly know what to make of it. It seems as if *it could not be*. Is there nothing, dear brother, that you can do to effect a settlement *between you two alone*? *do try it & see*. If *necessary*, call in some neighboring ministers, & refer the matter to them.

I have not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with

Bro. Hall or Yourself; but surely it would seem that two christian men, laboring for the salvation of the poor Indian, should love one another at any rate, should live in peace.

Praying that you may be ever under divine guidance —

believe me —

Very Sincerely &c

your friend & brother

S L Gorman

Sup. L. S.

Miss. House, Boston
Mar. 25. 1857.

Mrs Lucy A. Butler
Van Buren. Ark.

Dear Madam

Your letter of March 7th was duly received, & laid before the Committee yesterday. They voted you a grant of $400. Mr. Gordon has also received your draft $100, in favor of J. C. Beach of N.Y. & paid it; so that you are now at liberty to draw for $300, as you may need it. Our funds are in a rather low state, & still, the Committee felt that, in the circumstances of the case, they would venture to make the above grant, which they trust will enable you to put your affairs in such a train as, with the blessing of God on your efforts, will enable you & your daughters to secure a comfortable support.

We all sincerely sympathize with you & your family in the great affliction you have experienced. Dr. Butler was a noble-hearted, self-denying, christian man – who served his Master in the Missionary field many years. Nor will it soon be forgotten that rather than abandon the post of duty, he once went to a Georgia prison. He will long be remembered as a noble defender of the poor, outraged Indian, when driven from the country & the graves of his fathers. But he is, as you cannot doubt, with many of those friends of his earlier years in the "better land". Wanderers & Exiles of countries & nations have already greeted him — & he sees his Saviour face to face.

May you & your family, in all your trials, be ever under the guidance of heaven — & experience the consolations of God which are neither few nor small.

Very sincerely
Your friend & brother
S. L. Pomroy
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

Miss. House, Boston
March 25. 1857.

Miss Jerusha E. Swain
Dwight Station.

Your letter of Feb. 14th came duly to hand, & has been laid before the Committee. They consent that you make a visit to your friends at the North, during the coming summer. We trust your health will be greatly improved by the journey.

Mr. Treat is not expected home before May or June.

Very truly
Your friend & brother
S L Pomroy
Sec. &c.

Miss. House, Boston
Mar. 25. 1857.

Rev. John Edwards
Wheelock, Choc. N.

Dear Brother

Your letter of Feb. 23 has been received, & the committee have authorized me to inform you that your request is granted. You may draw for $41.89 to make up the deficit in the "expenses of your servant girl".

In regard to "two teachers" I know you need them, but we shall have to wait a little, & commit the matter to Mr. Treat, who will be here I trust in May or June.

Yours truly
S. L. Pomroy
per Sec.

Miss. House, Boston

March 25. 1857.

Rev. Asher Wright

Seneca Mission N. Y.

Dear Bro.

In accordance with your request, Mrs. Wright has the consent of the Committee to spend some six weeks, more or less at Saratoga, for the benefit of her health –

Your friend & brother

S. L. Pomroy

Sec. A. B.

Miss. House, Boston
Apr. 3. 1857.

Mr. B. F. Hall
Lower Allegany

Dear Brother,

Yesterday I transmitted a copy of the document proposed as a basis for the settlement of the difficulty between yourself & your brother Potter. Dr. Anderson & myself have considered the subject; & so far as we can judge, it seems very desirable that you should sign this paper, & thus end all personal difficulty between you two brethren. Even if you think there is something improper a wrong in Brother Potter; still, it does not devolve on you, more than on other members of the Mission, to set him right. Nor does it seem desirable to call in the aid of brethren outside of the Mission, if it can be avoided. If you can conscientiously put your name to that paper, it seems to us very desirable that you should — & thus put an end to the difficulty so far as you two personally are concerned.

Very Sincerely

your friend & brother

S L Pomroy

[illegible]

Miss. House. Boston
Apr. 8. 1857.

Rev. Gilbert Rockwood
Tuscarora Mission

Dear Brother

Your statement published in the March "Herald", called forth the enclosed letter. It was sent to Bro. Wood at N.Y. & he sent it to me.

Miss Cotton was once among the Choctaws. Bro. Wood has seen her, & heard her spoken of by Choctaw Missionaries. He thinks she is about 38 – "has a vast deal of Energy" "a heart to do good" – & "not wanting in discretion."

Now I enclose her letter to you, that you may, if you think best, write to her, & to Dr. [illegible] or some other person in Cleveland, Ohio, & ascertain whether she is such a lady as you want. If you find she is *the* woman for you, then let me know, & I will ask the Committee to appoint her. If you find she is not what you want, of course you will inform me.

In your correspondence with her, you will of course let her understand that all your transactions with her will be subject to the action of the Committee. I cannot but hope, she is the very woman you want.

Yours truly
S. L. Pomroy
Sec. &c.

Missy. Rooms, Boston
Apr. 21. 1857.

Rev. A. Gleason
Cat. Res. N.Y.

Dear Brother

I gave your [illegible] letter to the Committee to day; & out of compassion to your poor, lame shoulders, burdened with such a load of Mission houses & other things "grievous to be borne," they have directed me to say that your debt of $112.27 is forgiven. Peace be with you.

Your friend & brother
S. L. Pomroy
Sec. [illegible]

Miss. House, Boston

Miss Lucy E. Lovell & April 21. 1857.
Miss Mary W. Lovell
Amenia Union, N. Y.

It gives me pleasure to say that you have been duly appointed Teachers in the Seminary at Chuahla, Choctaw Nation – to perform the services explained to you by Mr. Wood.

Mr. Wood will assist you in respect to your journey, & give you all necessary directions.

May the presence of the Saviour be with you at all times –

Your friend & brother
S L Pomeroy
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

Mass. House, Boston
Apr. 30. 1857.

Mr. D. F. Hall

Atty. for [illegible]

[illegible], Dear Brother [illegible] your

I am about starting for St. Louis, to be absent perhaps 6 or 8 weeks, & can only say in reply to your letter of Apr. 17, that Mrs. Anderson & myself do not think that the statement which you wish Mr. Potter to sign, is such as you should insist upon. As it reads to us there, it looks as if you were making the settlement of the difficulty extremely difficult. - We do not see how or why he is bound to confess to you impropriety of conduct in this family, any more than to any other person within 50 miles of this house. We are still of the opinion that

Missionary House, Boston,
May 6. 1857.

Rev. Gilbert Rockwood,
Tuscarora Mission;

My Dear Brother,

[illegible] Miss Bonneville [illegible] the subject. [illegible] Miss Peck, [illegible] visit, [illegible]

As ever, most truly yours,

R. Anderson,
Sec. of A.B.C.F.M.

That the other document which
Mr. Potter prepared, was a very
suitable one, & we regret you
cannot see your way clear to
sign it — provided you are pre-
pared to carry out what it con-
tains. It seemed to us a fair
& reasonable statement, on the
whole, & such as you might
sign with a clear conscience.
Still, you must judge for yourself.
You take a different view of the case,
& now the responsibility rests with
you. Yours [illegible]

Missionary House, Boston,
May 6. 1857.

Rev. Gilbert Rockwood,
Tuscarora Mission;

My Dear Brother,

The Prudential Committee authorize you to engage Miss Cotton as a teacher in the School, if you can write to her immediately. Nothing is said about the compensation she is to receive; but you will doubtless have an understanding with her on the subject.

The Committee authorize you to defray the travelling expenses of Miss Peck, in going to & returning from her friends in New England. We hope she will have a pleasant & profitable visit, & return to her work greatly refreshed.

As ever, most truly yours,

R. Anderson,
Sec. of A. B. C. F. M.

Missy. House, Boston,
May 19, 1857.

Mr. J. D. Chamberlain
Eagletown

Dear Sir

Yours of April 21 is at hand. Dr. Pomroy has gone to the West for a few weeks, and as you seem not to have received his letter of March 18; at the request of Dr. Anderson I send herewith a copy of it.

Yours very truly
Calvin N. Chapin
Secs. Clerk.

Missionary House, Boston,
May 23. 1857.

Rev. Cyrus Kingsbury, D.D.
Lexington, Kentucky.

My Dear Brother,

I have just received your two letters of the 29th ult., with a copy of the returns made to the General Assembly, & thank you for the suggestions in the private letter.

The public use made of your suggestions concerning the use of the English language, especially by brother Wood, I thought will be con[illegible]. They said that the Evangelist, ~~ind~~ in which he would insert the extract, does not probably circulate in your quarter.

I contemplate a work, which, if ever executed, will cost the spare moments of what remains of my life, giving a historical view of the Experience of the Board in the work of missions. It will un[illegible] be conservative in its tendency, as such is the constitution of my own mind. I repeat that I shall not bother [illegible] to take the effort to [illegible], without your permission; & promise you that the thing shall not be repeated, if you will freely give me the results of your own experience on points of vital importance in the missionary work: such as preaching in schools; the use of the English language; direct attacks at idolatries; offering of [illegible]; ordination of natives as evangelists, or as pastors; throwing responsibilities upon native converts & preachers; putting into ~~[illegible]~~ buildings; sustaining the institutions of the gospel, &c. for the native churches; uniting missionaries & natives in the same ecclesiastical bodies; receiving government grants; etc. etc. etc.

I wish you could visit us, after attending the meeting of General Assembly.

We should all regard a visit from you as a great favor.

I wish, when speaking of Mr. Lathrop, you had spoken also of Mr. Chamberlain, whose letters perplex us. He ~~[illegible]~~ wishes, to come north, & yet declines cancelling his mission. March 18th, he was written to, that the board consented to his visiting the north, as he proposed, but "with the understanding that subsequent proceedings in the case be left for correspondence after the return of Mr. Read."

Mr. Read is expected home early in June. We cannot learn what is the precise effect of his visit on his health."

At May 1st, Mr. Chamberlain he had not received Dr. Pomeroy's letter. A duplicate was sent him on the 19th inst., when we learned he had not received the letter April 21st.

I have virtually acknowledged your very complete letter of Feb. 3d.

Believe me to be, dear Brethren,
with much respect & best wishes, as ever,
most truly yours,

R. Anderson,

Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

P. S. I write in so much haste, that I have not duly noticed the contents of your letters. I hope you will succeed in securing the teachers you have in view. Mr. Kingsbury's case, in his old age, seems hard. Find relief for him if you can. I am glad to see that Mrs. Edwards is recovering. The Lord give her a confirmed health, & relief from a portion of her cares. How delightful at your annual meeting to have such evidences of the Holy Spirit's presence! We will attend at once to the printing of the Spelling book; & will forward to you the balance of the Choctaw Hymns, according to the request in the minutes of your annual meeting. At least, I feel confident that the Prudential Committee will authorize us, to print the Spelling book in an ~~2,000 copies~~ edition of 2,000 copies.

R. A.

Missionary House, Boston,
June 6. 1857.

To the Choctaw Mission

Dear Brethren

It gives me great pleasure to apprise you of my safe return to the United States. I arrived here less than three days ago, much improved in health, as I hope. Though I do not suppose that I have all the power of endurance which I once had, I am still encouraged to believe that I may do something for that blessed work in which we are permitted to share.

My long absence has been, I trust, not altogether in vain. Lessons have been given me by the Great Teacher which I should not otherwise have received. My dependence upon him, for wisdom and grace, has often been set before my mind with an unwonted clearness; and his guiding hand has often been revealed. May I never cease to praise him! The emptiness of all formal religions, and the surpassing excellency of the pure gospel of Christ, have become a more palpable reality than ever. The two months which I spent at Rome let me into "the chambers of imagery" there. Indeed, the condition of that "capital of Christendom", as it is proudly called, is awful. On the other hand, the work that is going forward in Turkey shows what power there is in the simple verities of the Bible. God is honoring his own Word in a remarkable manner. The arrogant Moslem is receiving it as the truth.

I resume my correspondence with the Indian missions, not knowing what is before me. For all of us "the time is short". We should ever be looking, therefore, to the end of our pilgrimage, at the same time doing with our might whatsoever our hands find to do. What a Master! What a service! What a rest! What a crown for the faithful! May these thoughts dwell in our minds, as a nail in a sure place!

In my remotest journeyings I have often travelled back (in Spirit) to the homes of my brethren of the Indian missions. I have looked upon your faces, and prayed for a blessing upon you and yours, and especially upon your people; and it is now my ardent wish to be of some little service to the red man. Let us strive together in prayer, that the blessing of the Lord may descend upon all the fragments of this interesting race.

In the hope that God will still employ us as fellow-workers unto his kingdom, I am most fraternally, Yours in the fellowship of the gospel.

S. B. Treat

The foregoing sent also to the Cherokee, Dakota, Ojibwa & New York Indians Missions.

C. N. C.

Miss. House Boston
June 2. 1857

Rev C. Teele,
Thetford Vt.

Dear Brother.

I have just returned to the United States, & I seize the earliest opportunity to answer your letter to Mr. Anderson.

We are not expecting to send any missionary to either of our Indian missions at present. All the stations are occupied; & we do not propose to enlarge our operations in this quarter.

This, of course, meets your inquiry. I should also have doubts as to the sufficiency of your health & strength for missionary labor in the Indian Territory. We find the ordeal to be a severe one; many fail to pass through it unharmed. Such was your case, I have always supposed. Would it be wise, for us or for you, to make a second trial? I think not.

It may be a disappointment to you to give up this delightful species of labor. But many are compelled to make the sacrifice. It is the Lord's good pleasure, & we must bow submissively thereto.

I am, as ever,

your friend & brother
in Christ

S. B. Treat.

Miss. Rooms, Boston
June 10, 186[illegible]

Rev. Geo. [illegible]
[illegible], Mass.

Dear Brother

I have heard that Mrs. Gouldings, our excellent sister at Pine Ridge, has deceased, since she came to the north. I know not how to ascertain the facts, save by writing to you. Will you do me the favor to inform me when & where she died & what closed her earthly course. Any other facts pertaining to this bereavement, I shall highly prize. I esteemed her very much.

Fraternally &c
S. B. Treat

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Miss. House Boston
June 10. 1857

Rev A. E. P. Perkins
Ware, Mass

Dear Brother

I have heard that Miss Goulding, our excellent teacher at Pine Ridge, has deceased, since she came to the north. I know not how to ascertain the fact, save by writing to Ware. Will you do me the favor to inform me, when & where (if dead) she closed her earthly course. Any other facts pertaining to this bereavement, I shall highly prize. I esteemed her very much.

Fraternally yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
June 10. 1857.

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Dakotas.—

Dear Brother

Your letter of April 22 I found on my return. My communication to your mission, sent to Dr. W. will render it unnecessary for me to say any thing in regard to my long absence. I hope that I shall be able to do a little at least for our common Master.

As you have written but little during my visit to the old world, I hope you will give me materials for a full report. Let me have, in particular, a satisfactory account of "the republic." This item was discussed very briefly in the last report; perhaps the matter should receive a broader notice this year. If you think so, I will thank you prepare such a notice.

I am not apprised of the intentions of the Indian bureau, at the present time, in regard to the school moneys. It is probably too soon for the question to have received much attention.

I see that the Democrats have carried Minnesota; they will make the Constitution, therefore, to suit themselves. Still the Lord may induce them to deal fairly with the red man. It is certainly worth an effort; & I shall be very glad to hear of your success.

Mrs. Ashley's name will appear in the next report. I am glad to hear so good an account of her school. Please to assure her of my affectionate regard.

Christian love to Mrs. H. & the children, with you. The salutation of a brother in the Lord to your good people. Tell them that I have them in pleasant remembrance.

As ever, most truly,

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Miss. House, Boston
June 10 1857

Rev. T. S. Williamson, M.D.
Dakota Mission.

Dear Brother.

My letter to your mission will explain some things which I need not notice in this communication. The symptoms which threatened, last fall, to bring my labors at the Miss. House to a speedy close, have disappeared; & with due caution I have a prospect of living a few years longer. To me personally the time of my departure is a matter of very little moment. For the sake of my family, & the Kingdom of our blessed Lord, however, I am desirous of prolonging my earthly sojourn. "Not my will, but thine, O my heavenly Father," is nevertheless my habitual & joyful preference.

I regret very much that I could not have been at Newark to show you some little attention. In that case your visit to the East would have been much more satisfactory to yourself. You would have had an opportunity to say a few words for the Dakotas; & you would then have had expressions of sympathy & encouragement that would have done you good.

Still the one subject of the meeting was calculated to throw every thing else into the shade. It had taken deep hold upon the the mind; & time must needs have been given to it. Other missions were thrown as much into the shade as yours; this was inevitable.

Indeed, it is almost impossible, at our annual meetings, to bring all our missions into a special prominence. They are so numerous that the speciality soon becomes a mere generality. Facts are occurring, here & there, that demand & secure particular attention; & for the most we are obliged to follow in the path which Providence seems to mark out for us. I hope & pray that God will soon enable you & us to say much more about the work among the Dakotas.

Our main reliance in this respect must

be the Herald & Journal. Whatever goes into those publications is read far & wide; & there are very many who "ponder & inwardly digest" their contents. If I am not mistaken, you might have furnished more that could have been used therein to advantage.

Your full reports for our annual mtg.

In regard to the items of business you mention, I am authorized by Comee to say:

1. The $60 which you ask for the support of a Dakota boy in Mr. Pettijohn's family, are allowed. In regard to the future the Comee decide nothing.
2. An allowance of $40 is also made for the support of Hannah's child.
3. If it shall seem best to Mr. Riggs & yourself that you itinerate among the Dakotas, you are authorized to do so. Of course you will keep within the sum appropriated by the Comee in any event.

Please to assure your family of my affectionate interest in them.

As ever, your brother in the Lord,

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
June 11. 1857

Rev. L. H. Wheeler.

Dear Brother

The enclosed will announce my return to this country. I send the same letter to you which I have forwarded to the other missions.

I am very much in the dark in regard to your matters. I find no letter of yours at the Miss. House; at New York, whither I go next week, I presume, I shall be more successful.

If you have not kept Bro. Wood "posted up" in regard to your affairs, I will thank you to give me a succinct history of your station since last Sept. This will naturally come into your report. The printed circular, sent herewith, will suggest certain things, which I hope you will keep in mind.

I regret that the Annual Report of last year was so meagre when it came to the Ojibwas. I was obliged to flee in haste, & left Bro. Wood to do the best he could. I did suppose, however, that he would

would give a little more prominence to your field. Perhaps he was pressed for time. This year we will try to do better.

Kindest regards to Mrs. Wheeler, the children & all your fellow laborers.

Fraternally

Yrs

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
June 11. 1857

Rev. C. Kingsbury,

Dear Brother.

A letter from the mission, which I have sent to Mr Byington, will announce my safe return to this country with improved health. I need not repeat what is there said in this communication to you.

The changes at your station are admonitory. Some have left for other fields of labor; Miss Goulding, I hear, has returned to the north, only to take her departure for "the better land." (The particulars I know not; but I have written for them.) We who are permitted to remain at our posts, have new motives for faithfulness. May we profit by all the lessons which our heavenly Father gives us.

Your letter of June 4, I received yesterday. "It never rains, but it pours," is sometimes said, in certain parts of the world. And you seem to have more teachers than you called for. Still, as it is so difficult to obtain the aid which you need, just where you need it. I am not at all sorry that you have now had a pouring rain. Indeed, you really have occasion for all that have set their faces toward the Choctaws. If the ladies can see the hand of the Lord in it, & take the places which it seems best that they should fill, it will be a kind Providence which has so greatly enriched you.

The brethren will need to be wise in the distribution of their new fellow-laborers; & the latter may need some grace. But a disposition do just what the Great Missionary would approve can set every thing in its true light. May you all have the divine guidance!

I hope to receive your report at an early day. For the Presbyterial report I thank you. In some respects it is encouraging; but I am sorry to see that the aggregate of church members does not advance much, tho' you have large additions. Is the doctrine of self-support, which we are urging so much on our missions, receiving among the Choctaws all the attention, what it deserves? In some parts of our great field we find "line upon line" necessary. I should be glad to hear from you on this subject. Kindest regards to Mrs K. & all with you.

Most respectfully & fraternally yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
June 11. 1857

Rev C. Byington.

Dear Brother

The letter to your mission, sent herewith, will explain some things; so that I need make no further allusion to them. I am very glad to be at home once more; & hope to do something in coming years for our blessed Lord. But he only knoweth.

Shall hope to receive your report at an early day. And I rejoice that you have had some special tokens of the divine favor. God is still gracious to the Choctaws. Mrs B. is in Ohio, I learn. May she have a pleasant visit.

Yrs in S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
June 11. 1857

Rev C. C. Copeland

Dear Brother.

I have written a letter to the mission, which you will doubtless see, announcing my safe return to the United States, with improved health. In this communication to you I will not repeat what is there said.

I found on my arrival your letter of April 22, with the minutes of your last meeting. For both I thank you. I rejoice that you had so pleasant & encouraging a re-union. May the Lord bless you more & more!

I trust you will send me your report at an early day. The enclosed circular letter, I doubt not, will receive due attention.

From what I hear, I infer that your wants in regard to teachers are to be amply supplied. I am glad that it is so.

Affectionate salutations to Mrs. C.
Remember me kindly to Allen Wright
Fraternally yrs S B Treat

Miss. House, Boston
June 11. 1857

Rev. E. Hotchkin

Dear Brother,

I returned to the United States June 3, & I addressed a letter to your mission, dated June 6, announcing the fact, & saying some other things, which you will know in due time; so I need not repeat them in the present communication.

I hope you will send me your report as soon as practicable. And I shall be much obliged to you if you will be somewhat full, & historical withal. There is no station among the Choctaws that I understand so imperfectly as yours. Help me to improve my knowledge in this regard.

Mrs. H., I hear, keeps a school at Living Land. I have no doubt that it is a good one; but this service must come rather hard upon her. I pray the Lord to bless her labors "above all that she asks or even thinks"!

Since I have been in Europe I have often spoken of our Sabbath at Good Land. Christians on the other side of the Atlantic, especially among the Armenians, are very glad to hear about our Indians. I spent one evening at Broosa with the male members of the ch.; the last part of it was given to my theme. They had many questions to ask; & some of my statements surprised them not a little.

Hoping to hear from you soon, with the kindest regards to your good wife,

I subscribe myself, as ever,
Your friend & brother
in the Lord
S B Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
June 11. 1857

Rev. J. Edwards

Dear Brother

Mr. Byington will have rec'd a letter, which I addressed to the mission several days ago, announcing my return to the Miss. House, & will doubtless soon forward it to you. What I have there said, therefore, I need not repeat in the present communication.

I am glad to hear that you are soon to be fully supplied with teachers. If they can all be pleasantly & profitably occupied, I shall not regret your unexpectedly large accession; on the other hand I shall rejoice in it. Mrs. Edwards, I trust, will be relieved of her extra burdens. Please to see that she has a good opportunity for recruiting her wasted strength. It is a question of missionary economy, as well as of common humanity. Our fellow laborers who prove to be highly efficient & useful, we desire to preserve in good health.

I shall hope to receive your report as soon as you can send it. The Presbyterial report is encouraging; but I would gladly see the aggregate of the chh membership advancing more rapidly. The large accessions from year to year do not tell as much upon the sum total as we should expect. Why is it?

I would say to some one, I hardly know to whom, that the Prud. Comee have authorized an edition of the spelling book. As another hymn book will be needed at no distant day, I would suggest again that it be made to come within the rules of the Am. Tract Soc., as is done in other cases, unless you receive "pay" equal, or nearly equal, to the cost. (You might in that case have a small supplement printed at our expense.) Our publication expenses are getting so large for the whole field, that we are obliged to consult economy.

Kindest regards to Mrs C. & all mission.

As ever, fraternally yours,
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
June 11. 1857

Rev. O. P. Stark

Dear Brother.

I have addressed a letter to the mission, in which I speak particularly of my return to the Miss. House, &c. This you will see in due time; I have no occasion, therefore, to repeat what I have said.

I trust you will favor me with your report at an early day. I see by the Presbyterial report that you have had more accessions to the ch. than any one of your brethren. This fact will doubtless enable you to mention incidents of peculiar value.

The Spring meeting at your place must have been an occasion of rare interest, if I am correctly informed in regard it. It would give me great pleasure to se Good Land once more. I have often ken of my visit there in circles on the other side of the Atlantic. Old ter, Mrs Field & Impoonya are not unknown in the old world. Of each of these it may be said, "Being alive he yet speaketh." Please to assure them of my Christian love.

I see that the "funds collected" by your chh. foot up very well. We are all desirous of seeing some of the Choctaw chhs enter upon the plan of self support. (In fact, we keep this object before every mission that is as far advanced as yours is. We lately have had many conversations with native Christians, as with missionaries, in regard to this matter, & some of the little communities here promise well.) It has occurred to me that perhaps your chh. can best lead off in this line of things, for you have good men to help you. I am inclined to think that you would be surprised at the result of a fair experiment. Other missionaries have been most agreeably disappointed in this regard.

Kindest regards to Mrs. S. & [illegible]

As ever, fraternally

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S. B. Treat

Miss. House Bostn

June 12. 1857

Rev. Wm. Miller

Sterling, Ms. Dear Brother

I have learned with profound sorrow, since my return to the U. S. that Miss Goulding died at Sterling a short time since. May I trouble you for the date of her decease, & any particulars which you can conveniently give me? I esteemed Miss G. very highly, both for the work which she has done, & for the great excellence of her character.

Fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
June 15. 1857

Rev. T. E. Ranney
Dear Brother.

The letter which I send herewith for your mission will inform you of my safe return. I will say nothing more on this topic, but request you, after reading the communication, to forward it to the other members of the mission.

I will thank you to send me your report at your earliest convenience, as I am anxious to get ready for the Annual Meeting in "good season." Please to let me into the actual state of things among the Cherokees, as far as you can. I have been away from home so long that I need to be "posted up". What are the prospects of the Cherokees? What effect is Kanzas to have upon their future? Is the slavery excitement still kept up?

Miss Hancock can send me a report of her school, or you can embody the facts in your report, as may be most convenient.

Please assure Mrs. R. of my affectionate interest in her. Kindest regards to Miss. H.

As ever, fraternally
yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
June 18th 1867

Rev. W. Walker

Dear Brother

On the 1st of June I arrived in Boston having been absent eight months & eight days. My health had much improved, & I hope that I may be able to serve the Board a little longer, tho' my labors may assume a different character hereafter, to some extent. As I have written a letter to the missionaries, announcing my return, &c., I will not enlarge upon this topic at the present time.

I shall be much obliged to you if you will send me your report as soon as you can. I am anxious to get the materials for the annual Report at an early day, so as to avoid the pressure that has sometimes come upon me in by-gone days. You have had some special tokens of the divine favor, I am [illegible] let me know all about it.

Miss. House. Boston
June 10th 1857

Rev. W. Willey.

Dear Brother

On the 8th of June I arrived in Boston, having been absent eight months & eight days. My health had much improved; & I hope that I may be able to serve the Board a little longer, tho' my labors may assume a different character hereafter, to some extent. As I have written a letter to the mission, however, announcing my return, &c., &c., I will not enlarge upon this topic at the present time.

I shall be much obliged to you if you will send me your report as soon as you can. I am anxious to get the materials for the Annual Report at an early day, so as to avoid the pressure that has sometimes come upon me in "dog-days." You have had some special tokens of the divine favor, I am informed. Let me know all about it.

Since my return I have read your letter of Oct. 22, & I infer that you & the mission have not fully understood the rules of the Prud. Com. in regard to the appropriation of money. It is a fundamental principle with us that *no sum* shall be drawn from the treasury without a vote of the Com^ee. In a few cases, the Treasurer may pay small sums under a general authorization; but ordinarily there must be a specific vote. Such a vote would be necessary at Smyrna, just as it would be elsewhere, & for the same reasons.

In connection with this rule we have another, viz. that in all ordinary cases the *opinion* of the *mission* should accompany an application for a special grant. The object of this is to give the Com^ee all the light which they can have. They may not act in accordance with that opinion; still as *information* it is valuable. The judgment of impartial men, in the same field, is of great importance to the Com^ee in deciding what they shall do in a given case. It is for this reason that the estimates for each station are to receive the approbation of the entire mission. In fact, nearly all the money which is appropriated on mission ground has the sanction of the missionaries. ~~But~~ The practice is very important, & all the more so from the republican character of our arrangements. We have no bishops or superintendency or local committees; but the missions govern themselves, under the supervision of the Prud. Com. No person or persons come between the Comee & the missions. Hence the importance which we attach to the action of the latter.

I do not know precisely what has been done at Smyrna since I left. I have read the letter of Mr Pomeroy to yourself; & I suppose that you may have obtained a vote of the mission, & proceeded accordingly. In such a case it is proper that Mr Gordon or myself should be apprised of what has been done, as well by the mission, as yourself. If the mission has acted, the minute should be in our hands for the protection of the Treasurer.

Please to assure Mrs. W. of my kindest regards. I am glad to hear that she is in better health than she was a few months ago. Miss Irwin I shall hope to see at some future day

Yours fraternally

&c

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
June 15. 1857

Rev. C. C. Torrey

Dear Brother

I have sent a letter to your mission, announcing my safe return to the Miss. House, &c, &c, which you will see in due time; this makes it unnecessary to enlarge upon the topic. Suffice it to say that I hope to be of some little service to the Board hereafter; but I *do not expect* to take charge of the publications. I shall probably do more work among the churches.

Your report I shall hope to receive at as early a day as will suit your convenience. Please to let me into the actual state of things among the Cherokees, not omitting the slavery question. What effect is Kanzas to have upon your people & your own operations? I have looked with some interest to the possible issue of the contest north of you.

You have found your position at Fairfield somewhat trying; more so than I anticipated; but it seems to us that "the good hand of your God" has led you there, & that we must all wait for the lifting up of the cloud before we resolve upon any change. You may see great improvement at your station, as also at other points, not many days hence; or the darkness may become more dense, & we may feel that our work is done. But we should be slow in coming to such a conclusion.

You & Mrs. T. may be sure of our continued sympathy & interest. What is far better, I doubt not, you may be sure of the sympathy & love of our "elder brother." It should be our pleasure to work, not where we would choose, if we had the option, but where he places us. It is enough that we have his approval.

Christian love to Mrs. T.

Yours, affectionately,

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
June 15. 1857

Rev. S. A. Worcester,

Dear Brother.

I returned from the Orient on the 3d of June. My health is much improved, I hope & believe; but I do not expect to attempt, at least for the present, all that I was doing last year. Your brother will keep the publications this summer; perhaps he will retain them longer. I doubt whether I shall soon resume my labors in that line of things.

I have sent a letter to your mission, occasioned by my return, which you will see in due time. This makes it unnecessary for me to say more in this communication.

I hope you will send me your report as soon as you can conveniently, (with some notice of Honey Creek, if it is possible.) I am anxious to be saved from the necessity of laboring unduly in "dog-days".

You will naturally say something about the general condition of the Cherokees, their prospects, especially as affected by the Kansas question, slavery &c &c. How do matters look on the whole? Are the people [illegible]? And what will be the effect of free Kansas upon them? These are important questions.

Please to [illegible] affairs of Agt, &c, & all connected with your [illegible] of any interest in them; [illegible] Incidents [illegible] come into my [illegible] [illegible] expecting to have a full [illegible] letter in all matters at your station, the Lord [illegible] I will not now go into its contents. When you write, therefore, please to specify your plans.

S. B. Treat

P. S. Your brother, George, is in his usual health, & so is [illegible] the [illegible] not [illegible] together.

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S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
June 20. 1857

Rev L. H. Wheeler.

Dear Bro.

When I wrote to you a few days ago, I had not seen your letter to Dr. Anderson of Feb. 17. It has since come into my hands. As I am expecting to have a full report of all matters at your station, I will not now go into its contents. When you write, therefore, please to specify your plans, wishes, wants &c, as if we had heard nothing on the subject, & we will look at the whole case together. Truly yr

S B Treat

Miss. Rooms, Boston
June 24. 1857

Rev. J. Potter
Sincead.

Dear Brother

You may have heard of my return to the U. S. on the 3d inst. I have written a letter to the mission, occasioned by this event, which you will see in due time. This makes it unnecessary to repeat some things which are set forth therein. I will only add, in this connection, that I am better, and hope to be of some little use in our common work.

I hope you will send me your report at as early a day as practicable. It is very desirable that I have the materials for our Annual Report in good season, as I have sundry things to do between this & September. Please to assume, however, that I am not very well "posted up" in regard to matters in your Mission. [illegible] regards to all [illegible]

Yours, very sincerely

Miss. House Bost.
June 24. 1851

Mr B. F. Hall,

Dear Brother

You may have heard of my safe return, June 3, with improved health. A letter to your mission, which you will see, says all that I have occasion to say in this respect.

I hope to receive your report as early as practicable. Our annual meeting comes at the regular time, & I have much to do. Please to bear this in mind.

Affectionate regards to Mrs H.

Fraternally yours,
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
June 24. 1857

Rev. J. Rockwood.

Dear Brother.

I have sent a letter to the A.B. meeting, announcing my safe return on the 3d inst. If you should hear this in due time, I need not repeat what I have there said.

I write now to ask you to forward your report as soon as convenient after July 1. I have a good deal to do, as you will at once suppose, & wish to prepare for the annual meeting as early & as leisurely as possible. Kindest regards to Mrs R. & all at Mt Hope.

Truly yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
June 24. 1857

Rev. Asher Wright

Dear Brother.

The letter to the mission, sent herewith, will announce my safe return; & I need say nothing more on this topic.

I hope you will furnish me *your* report, immediately after July 1 that I may make out *my* report on the Seneca mission as soon as may be. I have much to do, & must dispatch each matter at an early day. Your report for Scotland (not long) will answer for me. Kindest regards to Mrs W. & *all* with you.

Truly yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
June 24 '57

Rev. Anson Gleason

Dear Brother

Yours of May 20 I found on my return, which occurred June 3. There [illegible] a letter for the mission & Bro. Knight which you will see; & I may omit, therefore, certain [illegible] therein contained.

I have read your letter with much pleasure; & I have considered what is to be done. I think I can see how a lot can be purchased; & so that if you have it [illegible] provided for in the usual [illegible], I write to you immediately, & [illegible] what I can do. As to the rest, I think you will work it out in some way.

In regard to publishing, [illegible] Suppose you next tell [illegible] & then write a letter [illegible] journal, giving an account of the whole affair in a popular way; [illegible] the thing to those who have aided you! That will be interesting to the readers of the Journal, & excite the sympathy of Christians in behalf of the Senecas.

I wish you now to send your report as soon as convenient, that I may have materials for the Annual Report in good season. Please to bear this matter in remembrance.

As to the dedication, I fear I shall not be able to attend at that time. I have much to do, as you can well suppose. It would give me great pleasure to be with you, I assure you.

Please to assure the Senecas of my continued interest in them. I have often thought of them, & often spoken of them, to Christians in other lands. May the Lord bless them more & more!

Kindest regards to Mrs W. & all with you.

Fraternally Yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
July 1. 1857.

Rev H. H. Spalding,
Oregon Territory.

Dear Brother,

The Oregon Conf. & Presby. Association, as you know, have adopted several resolutions, in which they recommend the resumption of our labors among the Nez Perce Indians. As you have been in the best position for acquiring information on the whole subject, I am directed by the Comm^ee to obtain your opinion in regard to the expediency of the measure. I trust you will write to us frankly & fully; & I hope you will furnish answers to the questions, sent herewith. Our experience has been such in ~~all~~ most of our efforts for the aborigines of our country, & especially those put forth for the people of Oregon, that we must proceed with some degree of caution.

As ever, fraternally yours

See the Questions over.

S. B. Treat

Questions
in regard to the proposed [illegible]
Mission.

1. How many are there in the tribe? How many are favorable to Christianity? How many give evidence of real piety?
2. Is it probable that many others would embrace Christianity, if they had missionaries?
3. What is the the influence of the whites on these Indians? Are wars between the two races probable? How would a war affect a mission?
4. What prospect has the tribe of perpetuity?
5. What would be the probable cost of supporting a family in the field?
6. What would be the best plan of resuming operations? How many families should be sent? And where?
7. Would a press be needed?

Miss. House, Boston
July 1, 1857

Rev. C. Eells
Oregon T.

Dear Brother.

You are doubtless aware that the Oregon Cong'l & Presbyn Association have adopted several resolutions in which they recommend the resumption of our labors among the Nez Percés. As you have been in a favorable position for acquiring the information which we need, I am directed by the Comee to ask your opinion in regard to the expediency of the measure. Please to write frankly & fully; & I will thank you to answer the questions sent herewith. Our experience has been such in most of our efforts for the Indians of our Country, (especially in Oregon,) that we wish to proceed with due caution.

I remain, as ever, your friend
& brother in the Gospel

S. B. Treat

P.S. Would you advise us
to send Mr. Spalding to the Nez Percés?)

Mission House, Boston
July 6. 1857

Rev. G. H. Atkinson
Oregon City

Dear Brother

Your letter of Feb. [illegible] with the resolutions of your [illegible]

Same letter as foregoing, with questions sent to Rev. E. Walker. questions also to Rev. C. Eells - as in letter to Rev. H. H. Spaulding

[illegible] the late Mission have been before the Prudential Committee, & I have been directed to ask the opinion of our brethren [illegible] in regard to the questions. I have written [illegible] [illegible] & requested that you would forward the enclosed [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] for which they are intended.

Commending you [illegible]

friend & fellow laborer
in the gospel,

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
July 1. 1857

Rev. G. H. Atkinson
Oregon City

Dear Brother

Your letter of Feb. 8, with the resolutions of your Association, I found awaiting my return to the United States, after an absence of eight months. The matter of our reopening our labors among the Nez Perces has been before the Commee on two occasions; & I have been directed to ask the opinion of our former missionaries in regard to the question. I have written letters to these brethren, sent herewith; & I have to request that you will forward the enclosed speedily, as I am not confident as to the address of either of the persons for whom they are intended.

I remain, as ever, your
friend & fellowlaborer
in the gospel,

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
July 2. 1857.

Rev. H. A. Wentz
Tallahassee, Creek
Nation. — Dear Brother

July 3. '57

Your letter of May 25. I received soon after my return from Europe, whither I went for my health. I am glad to hear that you are so happy in your new field. May the Lord bless your labors among the Indians among whom your lot is providentially cast.

In regard to the business alone which you bring to notice, I have to say that it is proper that we should pay the expense of returning Mr Pearson's effects to his friends. Whatever sums you may have disbursed for this purpose, therefore, you are entitled to receive from the Board. Mr S. A. Worcester is hereby authorized to pay you, & charge the amount in his account with Mr. Gordon. This letter he may regard as giving him the requisite commission.

Very sincerely yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House Bost.
July 3. '57

Rev. A. Gleason

Dear Bro.

Yours of 30th ulto. & Thomson just rec^d. You may add $100 to your bell fund. Get the money from Mr. Crocker or charge it in your account with Mr. Gordon. Mr. Thompson has sent $10 at my suggestion, which you have rec^d I hope. My wife has secured $35 for the [illegible] at Sab. School. I am not sure whether it has been sent or not. I will see.

Yrs in haste
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
July 3. 1857

Rev. C. C. Copeland
Northford Ct.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 2d July I have just received, & I hasten to make a brief reply.

I reached Boston June 3d 11 1/2 P.M. and was most happy to find all well. I do not take the publications for the present; probably I shall never take them permanently. That kind of labor is too wearing for me; in fact, I have done as much in that way as most persons can do.

I expect to retain the care of my Indians / Slavery & all. I am sorry to say; & I hope to assist Dr Pomeroy to some extent. We must "look up" our churches to a higher level of generosity; & to do this a deal of hard work will be necessary. I think I can labor in this line of things better than in any other.

S. B. Treat

Rev C. Eddy & wife are now with us. They sail in the Henry Hill next week for Smyrna, whence they expect to go to Syria to spend a year. He has applied for the Consulate of Beirut, & whether he will get it, or not, is quite uncertain.

Dr. Anderson is away for a few days, that he may give his head some rest. He is much troubled with head-ache. It is well that I have come back in time to be here during his absence.

I am glad to hear that you are better; but we are a frail & feeble folk. My friend Linus Child was very near his end a last week from congestion of the brain; he is now better.

Kindest regards to Mrs. Combs

Yours, most truly

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
July 10. 1857

Miss C. A. Dada
Doaksville, Ch. Na.

Dear Miss Dada,

I have had two or three conferences with Mr. Chamberlain in regard to your going to Stockbridge. The result is that I am cordially & unreservedly in favor of this arrangement. It seems to me that Providence points us to such a conclusion. Mr C. will write to you, describing his own feelings & wishes; hence I need not say any thing in relation thereto.

Allow me then to express the hope that you will enter upon this new field of Christian effort with courage & hope. It is, indeed, a most responsible position. I have often said that those who take charge of the girls out of school, have the best opportunity of impressing their own moral excellence upon those under their care. It is there that the social & spiritual [illegible] of by far the most important of its [illegible] with the highest success.

You may, indeed, shrink from such an office. You may say, "Who is sufficient for these things!" [illegible] [illegible] You know that [illegible] your [illegible], with confidence [illegible] [illegible]; for I feel assured that he will be your support & helper [illegible]

Yours [illegible] your sincere friend,

S. B. Treat

P.S. You will have heard of my [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I am [illegible] [illegible] entirely, hoping to [illegible] [illegible] still for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

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Miss. House, Boston,
July 11. 1857

Rev. C. Kingsbury

Dear Brother

It seems to be pretty clear that an effort is soon to be made for the formation of a slave state out of the Indian Territory west of Arkansas. And I must confess that I have some apprehension in regard to the issue. If the Indians will only stand firm, I think there is nothing to fear. The North will surely come to their rescue. But I do not feel sure that influential men will not yield to urgent & persistent solicitations. You understand my meaning.

I should be glad to receive your impressions touching this question. (1) What have you learned in reference to the plan before suggested? (2) Is there not danger that it will succeed? (3) What can be done to avert the danger, especially by the [illegible]

Very sincerely yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
July 11. 1857.

Rev. S. A. Worcester,
Cherokees.

Dear Brother,

As you are a careful observer of the encroachments of slavery, you must have noticed that the Indian Territory, back of Arkansas, is soon to be particularly interested in this question. Choctaw slaveholders have been approached privately, & urged to favor a movement that shall issue in the construction of a slave state north of Texas. Whether the Cherokee slaveholders have been approached in the same way, I am not informed; but I know no reason for doubting the fact. The declarations of Gov. Walker of Kansas, which look in the same direction, you have doubtless seen. It is expected that the next session of Congress will disclose the plan more fully.

My object in writing now, is to ascertain what you have learned in respect to this matter; (2) how much danger there is that the Indians will yield to the solicitations of the South; & (3) what can be done to avert this danger.

In regard to the peril which hangs over the Indians, I confess it seems to me real & great. If they will stand firm, there can be no serious cause for alarm; but I have my fears on this very point. The approach will be thro' the sympathies & the interests of slaveholding Indians; & they may yield to the inducements held out to them. If they do, the end is hardly problematical.

Please to keep yourself posted up on this whole subject. I fear that a stern conflict is before us, which will require wisdom & vigilance in a high degree. Of course, the Board can be roused to a strong & indignant opposition, if the facts shall justify such a measure. We have not forgotten the old "Indian question"; & there is not much skepticism in reference to the aggressive march of slavery.

Very sincerely yrs.

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
July 16. 1857

Mr F. L. Cutting
Oakdale. Mass.

Dear Sir

I have received yours of the 15. Your statement is satisfactory; & the adm^r of Miss Goulding can draw on our Treas^r Jas. M. Gordon for $75, (being the am^t of her expenses from Pine Ridge to Oakdale,) in such a way as he prefers. Please to assure her sister of my sympathy with her in the loss of one whom I highly esteemed & honored. She spent several days in my family in '48.

Truly yours S. B. Treat.

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Miss. House, Boston
July 17. 1857

Rev. H. A. Nichols
Chicago. Ill.

Dear Sir

Yours of the 13th ult. I have duly received; & I have made some effort to secure the maps, but without success. The few persons who are truly liberal in these parts, are often called upon, & I suppose we have a degree of reluctance to press them beyond a certain point, lest we weaken our hold upon them. We shall have occasion to make heavier drafts on the Boston chhs in coming months; & we must husband our power over them.

I would suggest that you request your ch. to aid you in getting the maps, & that you devote the monthly concert collections, according to some predetermined plan, to this object. A special contribution may furnish the needful sum; or a limited number may do it. We consider it perfectly ~~[illegible]~~ lawful to obtain the maps in this way.

Truly yrs S. B. Treat

Missy. House, Boston
July 22. 1857

Mr. A. G. Lansing
New Salem, Albany
Co. N.Y.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 18th I have received; & I am sorry to learn that your health has not improved more conspicuously. It gives me much pain, moreover, to hear that Mrs. L. is so decidedly unwell; this I did not know before. May the Lord grant you the bodily strength which you need, with richer — still richer communications of his grace!

I laid your letter before the Comee yesterday; & it seemed to them that there was but one course to pursue. Your statement leaves them no alternative. They have voted, therefore, to release you & Mrs. Lansing from your connection with the Board. I am happy to say, in addition, that nothing has come to their knowledge, to affect the confidence which they first reposed in you, almost five years ago.—

You leave us with our Miss' House, Boston your future welfare. July 30. 1857.

The Com. have also voted you $2.50 per week boarding allowance, in accordance with your suggestion. You can draw on Mr. Gordon or Mr. Merriam for that sum. Our society is appealed to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] sympathy [illegible] fraternal [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] affectionately. I am sometimes at a loss to know just how far we can legitimately go in disbursing such sums. May I trouble you for a specification of the objects which come within the purview of the Fund? Your reply will much oblige.

Yours very respectfully

S. B. Treat,
Sec. of the American Board

Miss. House, Boston
July 30. 1857.

To the Comr of
Indian Affairs.

Sir.

Our society is expending considerable sums of money among the North American Indians, received from the "Civilization Fund". I am sometimes at a loss to know just how far we can legitimately go in disbursing such sums. May I trouble you for a specification of the objects which come within the purview of the Fund? Your reply will much oblige,

Yours very respectfully

S. B. Treat,
Sec. of the American
Board.

Miss. House
Boston, July 31. 57

John Tawse Esq
Edinburgh.

Dear Sir

You will have heard of my absence in the East for the greater part of the year. What communications you may have received from Mr. Wright, I hardly know. The letter sent herewith alludes to one that preceded it.

All the reports from Mr. Wright's Indians are favorable. They are just completing an expensive church

S B Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug 13. 1857

Miss. House,
Boston, Aug 13.'57

Rev A. Gleason

Dear Bro.

Yours of the 7th I have just rec'd - I am glad to hear that you are getting along so well; & I hope to have the pleasure of hearing that "bell one of these days." May the blessing of the Lord be on the house!

I have some doubts whether it is best for you to attempt any thing at the annual meeting. (1) I feel sure that you will come out right, "any how." (2) We are going to make a strong appeal for more funds; & there will be at least two side things urged there, in public or private. Yrs, in haste, S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept 13. 1857

Rev. L. H. Wheeler.
Ojibwas.—

Dear Brother,

Yours of July 21 I have rec'd this day, & am surprised to learn that you have not a copy of the contract made with the U. S. Gov't. I inquired of Mr. Wood in regard to the matter, at my return to this country; & I supposed that you were going forward in accordance with the agreement which I send herewith. Of course you will understand that it is now in force; & you are at liberty to proceed accordingly. It may be well for me to make some explanatory suggestions.

We have put in a provision for the school already in charge. For this $400 are ~~taught~~ to be paid; & Mr. Gordon will write in regard to the vouchers, when he shall hear from Washington. The allowance of $400 had better begin with Jan 1, 1857. Your vouchers came down to Dec. 31, 1856.

That portion of the Contract which relates to the boarding school has several features:

1. We have certain provisions for the superintending work. (a) We are to erect or furnish the buildings which may be needed to accommodate 50 pupils; but we cannot begin till the Agent has approved the plan. (b) Under the supervision of the Agent, land must be set apart from our Reservation for the buildings & for farming. You will please as soon, therefore, to obtain the approval of the Agent without delay, in both particulars. As soon as you have done so, & have actually commenced building, let me know it & then go on & draw the $1500. Be careful to keep youchers of all your expenditures.

(c) Have two or three suggestions to make respecting them here. (1) Endeavor to erect the buildings, including the school house, for $3000. (2) It is not desirable to make them very spacious. I do not believe that you will ever have as many as 50 permanent scholars. I am quite sure that a smaller school will be more useful; & though we are bound to receive all that come up to 50, we are not required to make any special effort to get them.

(b) If the $3000 will not cover buildings & furniture, let the latter be purchased with our money. In case the contract is annulled, we can remove the furniture, if it is ours, & so diminish our loss.

2. We have other stipulations for the conduct of the school. (1) We must receive 50, if they are offered; but as I have said we are not required to take any pains to fill up the number. It is better to start with a much smaller school, say 20, 25, or 30 at the outside. If you start with 50, the experiment will be much more likely to fail. (2) We must report half yearly to the Sec. of the Interior.

(3) Tools, agricultural implements, &c., must be furnished at our expense. This is unavoidable, as the contract stands.

(4) For any number of pupils, not exceeding 50, the Govt pay $75 ~~per head~~ each, annually. The profits of the land &c. taking out expenses, are ours; and whatever is needed beyond this, we must pay. We must provide teachers, farmers, secular agents, &c at the expense of the Board.

3. Either party may annul at pleasure. But we can claim no damages, in any event. If we annul, we must give up the land on which the buildings stand, with the portion set apart for the use of the school. If the Govt annuls, we are not required to give up the land for the $1.25 per acre. [illegible] is our understanding, however.

You will see that the bargain will lean pretty largely on our friendship. Hence it will be important for you to consult the strictest economy. 1. Cannot the buildings including the school house, be put up for $3000 [illegible] included? If not, will it $3000 be enough if we furnish the tools & furniture? 2. Will it be necessary to take more than 20 or 25 scholars? Any larger number will cost us a considerable sum.

You say in your letter that you have the timber for a school-house. You can go forward at once, on the above plan, bringing the buildings within the $3000. If it is a separate affair, please to say what it will cost, that the Comm^ee can make a separate allowance. I will write again tomorrow. Yrs S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 14. 1867

Mrs. C. A. Smith
So. Orange N.J.

Dear Madam.

The barrel of goods which you mentioned in yours of Aug. 7 has safely arrived at the Miss. House, & it will be duly forwarded. The direction will be carefully attended to.

I am,
very respectfully
Yrs

Yrs Truly
Secretary

Miss. House Boston
Aug 14. 1857

Rev L. H. Wheeler
Ojibwas.—

Dear Brother

I wrote a long letter to you bearing date the 13th inst. in regard to the boarding school. I will say a few words in reference to the report, which you have forwarded. I am glad that you have so much to encourage you; & I pray most earnestly that our wishes & anticipations may be realized most fully.

You do not mention the name of your teacher. Should it be mentioned in our annual report? It seems to me that it should be. What is his wife's name?

You say that 3 have been admitted to the chh. since Jan. 1. How many have been recd during the whole year? What is the present number of communicants?

There are two items in your letter that I must submit to the Prud. Comee I will write very soon. Kindest regards to Mrs. W. & all

Fraternally yrs, S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 20. 1857

Rev L. H. Wheeler
Ojibway. — Dear Bro.

In my last letter, I promised to write you soon. It was necessary to consult the Comee in regard to two items mentioned by you. Have done so, & now report as follows: 1. You have leave to spend $200 during the year, if you find it necessary. 2. You are at liberty to make arrangements for Mrs. Wheeler's residence at the East during the winter. Of course, she can come when she pleases.

Affect. regards to Mrs W. & all, in
Very tr. S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Aug 24. 1857

Rev. P. P. Osunkhirhine
St. Francis. —

Dear Brother

I am not sure that you have heard of my return to the Miss. House. I came back a few weeks ago, & have resumed the charge of the Indian department.

Your letter of June 24 I was glad to receive. At some time I should be pleased to hear how the mill succeeds, as I do not know how the matter stands. I believe you have not mentioned it in your last letters.

You speak of being agent for your tribe. Will you tell me what the duties of the office are, & what the salary is. We feel an interest in all that concerns you & your people.

I trust, dear brother, that God is giving you more grace, as you advance in years. The nearer we get to heaven, the more of heaven should we have in our hearts.

Affectionately yours S. B. Treat

Mission House, Boston
Aug. 24. 1857

Rev. G. Rockwood
Tuscarora —

Dear Brother

Yours of July 2 I have duly received, & from it I have prepared that part of the Annual Report which relates to your mission. I am glad to see that you have so much encouragement in your work. May the Lord enlarge his tabernacle among you more & more!

I do not know whether Miss Pease has returned to her Indian home. If she has not, perhaps I shall send her a line at Providence. I suppose Miss Colton is with you. If so, please to assure her of my kindest remembrances.

For the present, I doubt not, the watch & care of your new converts will lay a heavy burden upon you. But this is inevitable. The flock must be watched constantly, lest they go astray. I hope Mr. Pleasant will become a bright & a shining light. How much good he can do! My Christian love to him, as also, to all the Br. — Truly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug-24-1857

Miss E. Y. Hancock
Cherokee.—

Dear Miss H.

After my return to the Miss. House, your letter of April 19 came into my hands. I should have written to you sooner, but I supposed that you might address me, on learning that I was once more at my post. I will wait, however, no longer.

Still I must confess that the tenor of your letter makes it difficult for me to know just what I ought to say. I sympathize deeply with you; for your situation must be trying, especially, with your feelings & apprehensions. But you will see at once that I ought not to form any opinion adverse to Mr. & Mrs. R. without hearing their side of the case. As they are Christians, & especially missionaries, they must be supposed to have a defence of some sort; & I can pronounce nothing against its validity. If you will place yourself in my circumstances, you will see that this is just the view of the matter which I might take.

Now it happens that Mr. R. has made no complaint against you. Nor has any one else said a word to your disadvantage. All that I know about these difficulties, therefore, I learn from you. Would it be right, in such a state of facts, for me to express any opinion as to the merits of the case?

If you seem to be very unhappy, I am willing to do what I can for your relief. But here again I am met with a difficulty. You do not wish to leave the Cherokees, but would go to another station. It would not be proper for me to transfer you to another station without its consent. Any exchange which you can make with another teacher, with the approval of the mission, we should be pretty sure to approve at the Mission House. But this is all that we can do.

I have no doubt the Comee will authorize you to leave the mission, if you desire it, on the ground that you are not happy in your situation. I see not how I can say any thing more.

I have not written Baker or Mrs. K. or any one else, in regard to your trials. I have not seen that any good would come of it. Perhaps matters will take such a shape hereafter that I may think it best to pursue a different course.

You may be disappointed on receiving this letter. Still I trust your piety will rise above the first feelings, & that you will see the hand of the Lord in all that has happened to you. That this may be so, is my earnest prayer. God lays no burden upon us in vain. Nor does he lay burdens upon us which, thro his grace, we cannot bear. This I am sure you have found to be true.

I remain, as ever,

Very sincerely yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 24. 1857.

Rev S. A. Worcester, D.D.
Cherokees.

Dear Brother.

I have several letters from your pen, which I have not acknowledged, viz. May 29. asking for a circular, (our clerk sent twelve copies) including the resolutions on Dr. Butler's death; July 13. your report, with that of Honey Creek; July 20, Miss Sheldon's report three months; Aug. 3 in answer to mine of July 11 on the new slavery movement.

I have read with interest what you say in regard to slavery. I will remark at the outset that we do not anticipate any trouble from this question at Providence, & were the Choctaw mission just where your mission is, I should have no fear of any difficulty hereafter. But their position is somewhat embarrassing. We do not wish to agitate the question, if it is possible to avoid doing so; but we must keep a good "look-out", lest we expose some weak point. I do not think we shall be called upon to take the ground

which the Home Miss. Soc. have taken, it
I should be sorry to see any disposition to
bring the Board upon that basis. In fact, I
should deprecate such a movement as most
undesirable.

If you are "posted up" in regard to
Choctaw matters, you will have learned that
the "Constitution quarrel" has come heavily
upon their future. I am much afraid
that matters are working out in the
wrong direction there.

Mr Torrey expects more from free
Kansas than you do. For this I am not
sorry, though I would gladly know the
truth. It seems to be settled now that
Missouri is soon to be a free State. This
must affect your part of the world very
deeply, I should suppose. 1. Your slaveholders
will "calculate the value", not of the Union,
but of their property, in the presence of this
advancing phalanx of freedom. 2. The South
will look around more earnestly than
ever for some bulwark against northern
fanaticism. The Indian Territory cannot
escape their eager search. What will come
from two such efficiently operative causes?

This state of things makes it difficult to know just what should be done for your mission. But I shall probably write soon in all in reference to this matter.

I have sympathized deeply with you in the loss of your daughter. I had but little acquaintance with her; but I feel sad in view of the bereavement which has come upon your family, as also upon Dr. H. & the Cherokees. I trust, however, that the trial does not come without its mitigations & its consolations. God does not willingly afflict; & when he does his compensations are wonderful. The missionary Calhoun once said to me: "Our God is very rich." May you & yours find him so in this trying hour!

Kindest regards to Mrs W. & all your family, including Miss Sheldon of course.

As ever most truly
yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 24. 1857

Rev. C. C. Torrey
Cherokees. — Dear Brother

I have received your report, the letter of July 6, the minutes of the meeting held June 10, & the letter sent in reply to the circular. As I send herewith a letter to the mission, I will say but a few words in this note.

Mr Worcester differs from you in regard to the effect of free Kansas. I hope you are right. At any rate Missouri, revolutionized & free, will exert a tremendous influence on the Indian Territory. That is clear. Kind regards to Mrs T. & Miss D. S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug 24. 1857

Rev T. E. Ranney
Cherokee — Dear Brother

Yours of July 30 was received just in time. Mr Willey has not sent his report, and it is now too late.

I rejoice that matters are improving at Lee's Creek; it would give me much pleasure to look in upon you for a day.

My health is much better than it was a year ago; but I shall probably be obliged to be more out-of-doors for the present.

Kind regards to Mrs R. as ever.

Fraternally &c
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 25. 1857

Rev. W. Willey,
Cherokees.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 4th inst. I have just received. I am sorry that it did not come sooner. The report on your mission is already made out, & must go into the hands of the Prud. Comee this afternoon. Hence I can only use your statistics; of the religious interest at Dwight nothing can be said, though I should be glad to speak of it. I have no report for the school.

There are two or three matters of business of which I will say a word.

1. I have no doubt the Comee would be willing to send a woman to assist Mrs. W. if a proper person can be found. Of the person referred to in your letter, we can know nothing, till you or we make inquiries. We know not her name.

2. You ask what you shall do in the matter of selling the property at Dwight.

I can say nothing beyond what I have already said on this subject. Having so much property there is un*desira*ble on many grounds. But I can give no advice, on this particular offer, because I do not know what the offer is. What is the price proposed to be given? What are the terms of payment? What security have we that the money will *cert*ainly be paid? Is the whole property to go, or only a part? If a part, how much? If all is sold, what is to be done with the Station? Where will you live? If at Dwight, or elsewhere, what will the buildings cost? These are some of the questions that naturally arise; much needs to be known of which I am ignorant, before I can give an opinion.

I would suggest this course. If the offer is one that ought to be consi*dered* *serio*usly, suppose you invite the mission to go to Dwight, & look into the whole case, & decide what is best. If there is time for a reference of the case to the Prud. Com.ee *let it come here*, with the opinion of the mission. If not, & the mission are *quite* clear that it is best to accept the offer, I think you may venture to close the bargain, looking to the Comee to assent to your action, & do all that is needful to make a good title. Of course this last step should not be taken without good reasons. But in the case I have supposed, the Comee are so anxious to get rid of that heavy burden at [illegible], & put the station upon a simple & ordinary footing, that I am sure they would justify the mission of closing the bargain. I hope, however, that nothing till the mission at a full meeting have carefully considered the case in all its bearings.

Kind regards to all &c.

I remain, very sincerely

Yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug 25 1857

Rev. S. A. Worcester

Dear Brother

I have just rec^{d} a letter from Mr. Willey in which he says he has had an offer for Dwight; & he asks what he shall do, but gives no data for an opinion. I have said to him, if the offer is one that should be considered seriously, that he had better call the mission together & have the case thoroughly examined. Then let the mission's opinion come before the Com^{ee} if there is time; if not, the mission may close the bargain if the case is quite clear, in the expectation that the Com^{ee} will

You will see that such a question should be carefully looked into. Price, time of payment, security are items for inquiry. And then what is Mr. Nilley to do? Will there be a new appropriation? If so, how will the amount compare with the same &c.? In fact, many questions may arise of some difficulty & importance.

Now if Mr N. shall convoke a mission meeting, I hope you will all attend & give the matter a thorough sifting. We want to get rid of that excess of property at Bangkok; but we don't want to be worse off for doing it. Yours,
S. B. Treat

Mission House Bost.
Aug 25 1857

Rev C. C. Torrey

Dear Brother

I should have said in my note of yesterday that I do not expect the slavery question to come up at Providence. If it should, I do not think there would be any disposition to meddle with your mission. The position of the Choctaw brethren is different.

But I hope for peace just now. What may come hereafter, we shall know in due time.

Very truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 26. 1857

Rev. A. Gleason
Somerset — Dear Brother

Your letter of Aug. 15. I read to the Com^{ee} yesterday. They authorize me to say in reply, "Come."

Fraternally
Yr
S. B. Treat